



# CITY OF BIG SPRING

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Media Release  
From The City of Big Spring  
West Nile Virus Confirmed Cases

On Wednesday August 7, 2013, the Department of State Health Services notified the City of Big Spring that there have been two confirmed cases of West Nile Virus within the city limits of Big Spring. These two people are currently being treated in a hospital. The State of Texas is actively trapping and studying the local mosquito population to determine the extent of the problem. City of Big Spring staff has been actively treating areas throughout the city in an attempt to reduce the mosquito population. The City of Big Spring and State of Texas are working closely together to determine the extent of the problem and to educate the public about West Nile Virus.

**Your best defense against West Nile Virus is to practice these four habits:**

1. Use an approved insect repellent every time you go outside. Approved repellents are those that contain DEET, Picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus. Follow the instructions on the label.
2. Regularly drain standing water, including water that collects in empty cans, tires, buckets, clogged rain gutters and saucers under potted plants. Mosquitoes breed in stagnant water.
3. Wear long sleeves and pants at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.
4. Use air conditioning or make sure there are screens on all doors and windows to keep mosquitoes from entering the home.