



**NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE**

Thomas Farley, MD, MPH  
Commissioner

Monday, August 30, 2010

**Health Department Will Spray Pesticide to Reduce Adult Mosquito Populations**

*Spraying scheduled for parts of Brooklyn to help prevent West Nile Virus*

To reduce mosquito activity and the risk of West Nile virus, the Health Department will spray pesticide from trucks in the following parts of Brooklyn on **Thursday, September 2, between 8:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M the following morning**, weather permitting. In case of bad weather, spraying will be delayed until the night of Tuesday, September 7, during the same hours.

West Nile Virus has been detected in mosquitoes in New York City this season and eight human cases have been identified. Information on West Nile Virus surveillance is available at [www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/wnv/wnvrrs.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/wnv/wnvrrs.shtml).

**Locations of Application on Thursday, September 2, 2010, between the hours of 8:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. the following morning:**

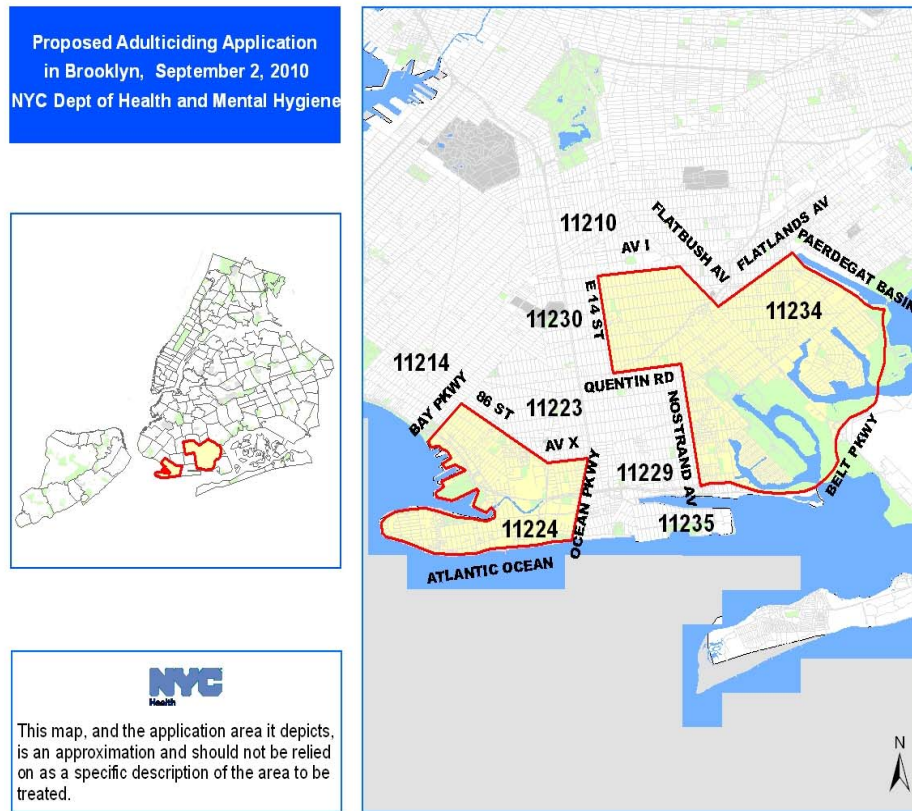
Borough	Neighborhoods	Boundaries		Zip Codes
Brooklyn	Parts of Marine Park, George Town, Gravesend, Mil Island and Midwood	Zone 1	Bordered by Paerdegat Basin and Belt Parkway to the East; Flatlands Ave, Flatbush Ave and Ave I to the North; East 14 <sup>th</sup> Street, Quentin Road and Nostrand Ave to the West; and Belt Park way to the South	11210 11229 11230 11234 11235
		Zone 2	Bordered by Ocean Parkway to the East; Ave X, 86 <sup>th</sup> Street and Bay Parkway to the North ; Gravesend Bay to the West; and Atlantic Ocean to the South	11214 11223 11224

For these sprayings, the Health Department will use a very low concentration of Anvil<sup>®</sup>, 10 + 10, a synthetic pesticide. When properly used, this product poses no significant risks to human health, but the Health Department recommends that people **take the following precautions to minimize direct exposure**:

- Whenever possible, stay indoors during spraying. People with asthma or other respiratory conditions are encouraged to stay inside during spraying since direct exposure could worsen these conditions.
- Air conditioners may remain on. But if you wish to reduce the possibility of indoor exposure to pesticides, set the air conditioner vent to the closed position, or choose the re-circulate function.

- Remove children’s toys, outdoor equipment, and clothes from outdoor areas during spraying. If outdoor equipment and toys are exposed to pesticides, wash them with soap and water before using again.
- Wash skin and clothing exposed to pesticides with soap and water. Always wash your produce thoroughly with water before cooking or eating.

The use of pesticides in New York City is conducted in accordance with guidelines set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). A complete Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is available at [www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/wnv/feis.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/wnv/feis.shtml).



**MEDIA CONTACT: (212) 788-5290**  
Susan Craig/Zoe Tobin: [pressoffice@health.nyc.gov](mailto:pressoffice@health.nyc.gov)