

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Friday, September 16, 2022

HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT MOSQUITO ADULTICIDING IN PARTS OF QUEENS AND THE BRONX TO REDUCE RISK OF WEST NILE VIRUS

Trucks will spray pesticide in Queens and the Bronx in the evening of Tuesday, September 20, 2022 and in Queens in the evening of Thursday, September 22, 2022

September 16, 2022 – To reduce mosquito activity and the risk of West Nile virus, the Health Department will conduct adulticide treatments in Queens and the Bronx.

Trucks will spray pesticides in parts of Queens and the Bronx on **Tuesday, September 20, 2022 between the hours of 8:30 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. the following morning**. In case of bad weather, application will be delayed until Wednesday, September 21, 2022. Trucks will also spray pesticides in sections of Queens beginning on **Thursday, September 22, 2022 between the hours of 8:30 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. the following morning**. In case of bad weather, application will be delayed until Monday, September 26, 2022.

The Health Department will use very low concentrations of Anvil® 10+10 or Duet®. The risks of pesticides applied by the Health Department for mosquito control are low to people and pets. Some people who are sensitive to spray ingredients may experience short-term eye or throat irritation, or a rash. People with respiratory conditions may also be affected.

To stay safe during spraying:

- 1. Stay indoors, whenever possible.
- 2. Air conditioners can remain on. While unnecessary, you may wish to close air conditioner vents, or choose the recirculate function.

After spraying:

- 1. Wash skin and clothing exposed to pesticides with soap and water.
- 2. Always wash fruits and vegetables with water.

The most effective way to control mosquitoes is to eliminate any standing water. New Yorkers are also encouraged to mosquito-proof their homes and take precautions when spending time outdoors.

Reducing exposure to mosquitoes

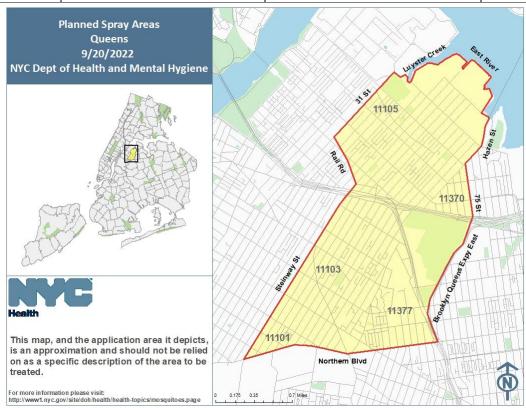
- 1. Use an approved insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus (not for children under 3), or products that contain the active ingredient IR3535.
- 2. Make sure windows have screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or holes.
- 3. Eliminate any standing water from your property and dispose of containers that can collect water. Standing water is a violation of the New York City Health Code.

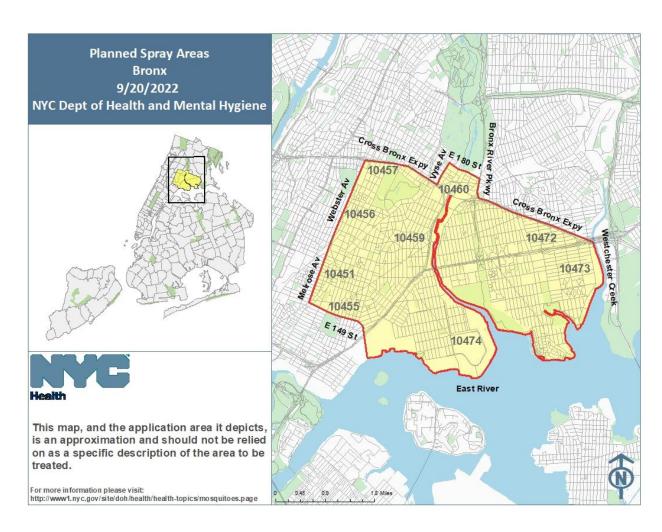
- 4. Make sure roof gutters are clean and draining properly.
- 5. Clean and chlorinate swimming pools, outdoor saunas and hot tubs. Keep them empty or covered if not in use. Drain water that collects in pool covers.

Report standing water by calling 311 or visiting <u>nyc.gov/health/wnv</u>. For more information about West Nile virus, call 311 or visit <u>nyc.gov</u>.

Locations of truck spraying in Queens and the Bronx for Tuesday, September 20, 2022

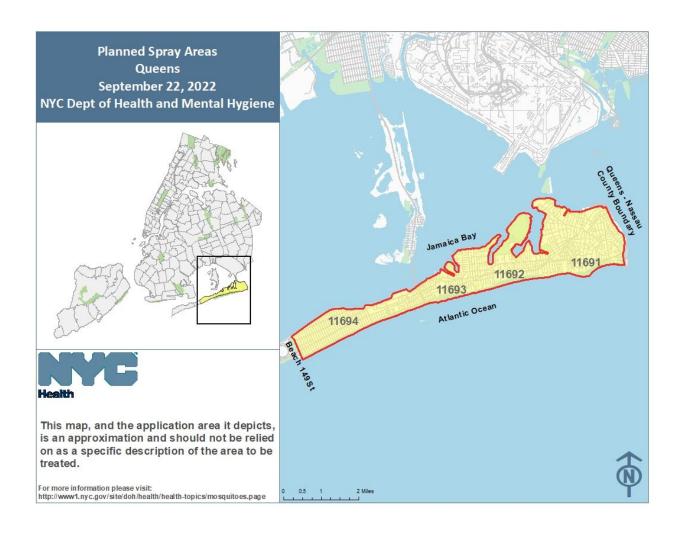
Borough	Neighborhoods	Boundaries	Zip Codes
Queens	Parts of Astoria Heights, Ditmars, Steinway, Sunnyside Gardens, and Woodside.	Bordered by Luyster Creek, East River to the North; Hazen Street, 75 Street, Brooklyn-Queens Expressway to the East; Northern Boulevard to the South; and, Steinway Street, Railroad Track, 31 Street to the West.	Parts of 11101, 11103, 11105, 11370, and 11377
Bronx	Parts of Castle Hill, Charlotte Gardens, Claremont Village, Clason Point, Crotona, Crotona Park East, Foxhurst, Harding Park, Hunts Point, Longwood, Melrose, Morrisania, Soundview, South Bronx, Unionport, West Farms, and Woodstock	Bordered by Cross Bronx Expressway, Vyse Avenue, East 180 Street, Bronx River Parkway, Cross Bronx Expressway to the North; Westchester Creek to the East; East River, East 149 Street to the South; and, Melrose Avenue, Webster Avenue to the West.	Parts of 10451, 10455, 10456, 10457, 10459, 10460, 10472, 10473, and 10474





Map of truck spray areas in Queens for September 22, 2022

Borough	Neighborhoods	Boundaries	Zip Codes
Queens	Parts of Arverne, Arverne by The Sea, Bayswater, Belle Harbor, Edgemere, Far Rockaway, Hammels, Neponsit and Rockaway Park.	Bordered by Jamaica Bay to the North; Queens-Nassau Country Boundary to the East; Atlantic Ocean to the South; and Beach 149 Street to the West.	Parts of 11691, 11692, 11693, and 11694



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