

## NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE

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# HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO SPRAY FOR ADULT MOSQUITOES IN PARTS OF QUEENS AND THE BRONX TO REDUCE RISK OF WEST NILE VIRUS

Trucks Will Spray Pesticide in Parts of Queens and the Bronx on the Nights of August 4 and 6, 2025, Weather Permitting

**NEW YORK** — To reduce mosquito activity and the risk of West Nile virus, the Health Department will conduct adulticide treatments in parts of Queens and the Bronx.

Trucks will spray pesticides in sections of Queens beginning Monday, August 4, 2025, between the hours of 8:30 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. the following morning, weather permitting. In case of bad weather, application in Queens will be delayed until Tuesday, August 5, 2025, between the hours of 8:30 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. the following morning, weather permitting.

Trucks will spray pesticides in sections of the Bronx beginning **Wednesday**, **August 6**, **2025**, **between the hours of 8:30 P.M. and 6:00 A.M.** the following morning, weather permitting. In case of bad weather, application in the Bronx will be delayed until **Thursday**, **August 7**, **2025**, **between the hours of 8:30 P.M. and 6:00 A.M.** the following morning, weather permitting.

The Health Department will use very low concentrations of Anvil®, Duet®, or MERUS® 3. 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

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

#### After spraying

- Wash skin and clothing exposed to pesticides with soap and water.
- 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.

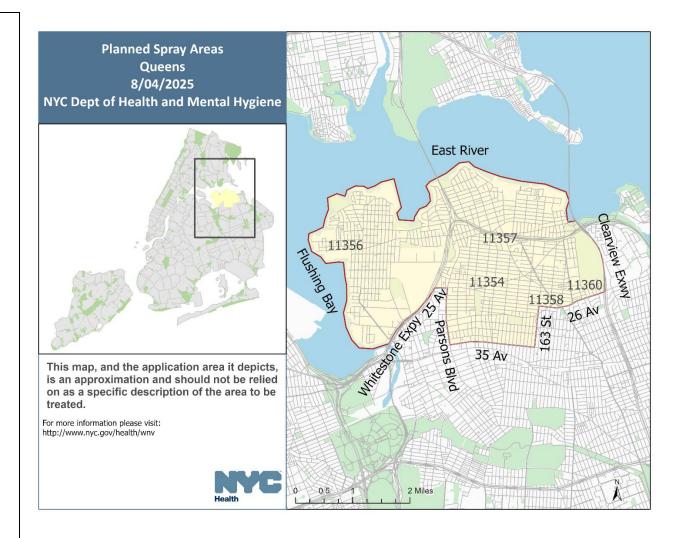
#### Reducing exposure to mosquitoes

- 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.
- Make sure windows have screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or holes.
- 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.
- Make sure roof gutters are clean and draining properly.
- 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>.

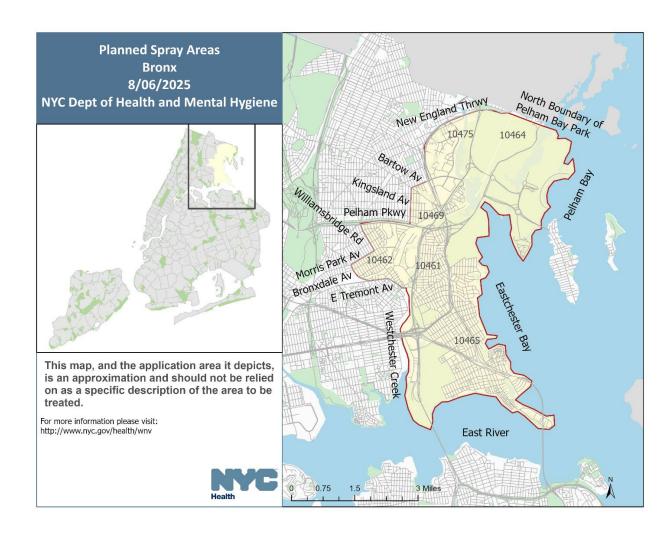
#### Locations of truck spraying in Queens for Monday, August 4, 2025

| Borough | Neighborhoods            | Boundaries                      | Zip Codes     |
|---------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Queens  | Parts of Bay Terrace,    | Bordered by Flushing Bay to the | Parts of      |
|         | Beechhurst, Broadway-    | West; East River to the North;  | 11354,        |
|         | Flushing, College Point, | Clearview Expressway to the     | 11356,11357,  |
|         | Linden Hill, Mitchell-   | East; 26 Avenue, 163 Street, 35 | 11358, 11360. |
|         | Linden, Murray Hill and  | Avenue, Parsons Boulevard, 25   |               |
|         | Whitestone.              | Avenue and Whitestone           |               |
|         |                          | Expressway to the South.        |               |



### Locations of truck spraying in the Bronx for Wednesday, August 6, 2025

| Borough | Neighborhoods            | Boundaries                        | Zip<br>Codes |
|---------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Bronx   | Parts of Baychester, Co- | Bordered by Westchester Creek,    | Parts of     |
|         | Op City, Country Club,   | East Tremont Avenue, Bronxdale    | 10461,       |
|         | East Bronx, Pelham       | Avenue, Morris Park Avenue,       | 10462,       |
|         | Gardens, Pelham Manor,   | Williamsbridge Road, Pelham       | 10465,       |
|         | Morris Park, Park of     | Parkway, Kingsland Avenue and     | 10469,       |
|         | Edgewater,               | Bartow Avenue to the East; New    | 10464 and    |
|         | Schuylerville, Throggs   | England Thruway and North         | 10475        |
|         | Neck, Unionport and      | Boundary of Pelham Bay Park to    |              |
|         | Westchester Square.      | the North; Pelham Bay and         |              |
|         |                          | Eastchester Bay to the East; East |              |
|         |                          | River to the South.               |              |



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