



**NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND MENTAL HYGIENE**
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HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT MOSQUITO ADULTICIDING IN PARTS OF QUEENS AND BROOKLYN TO REDUCE RISK OF WEST NILE VIRUS

Trucks will spray pesticide in parts of Queens and Brooklyn in the evening of Tuesday, August 10 and additional parts of Queens the evening of Thursday, August 12

August 6, 2021 – To reduce mosquito activity and the risk of West Nile virus, the Health Department will conduct an adulticide treatment in Queens and Brooklyn. Trucks will spray pesticides in sections of Queens and Brooklyn on **Tuesday, August 10** and additional sections of Queens **Thursday, August 12, between the hours of 8:30 p.m. and 6 a.m. the following morning**, weather permitting. In case of bad weather or equipment malfunctions, application will be delayed until **Wednesday August 11** and **Monday, August 16** respectively.

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

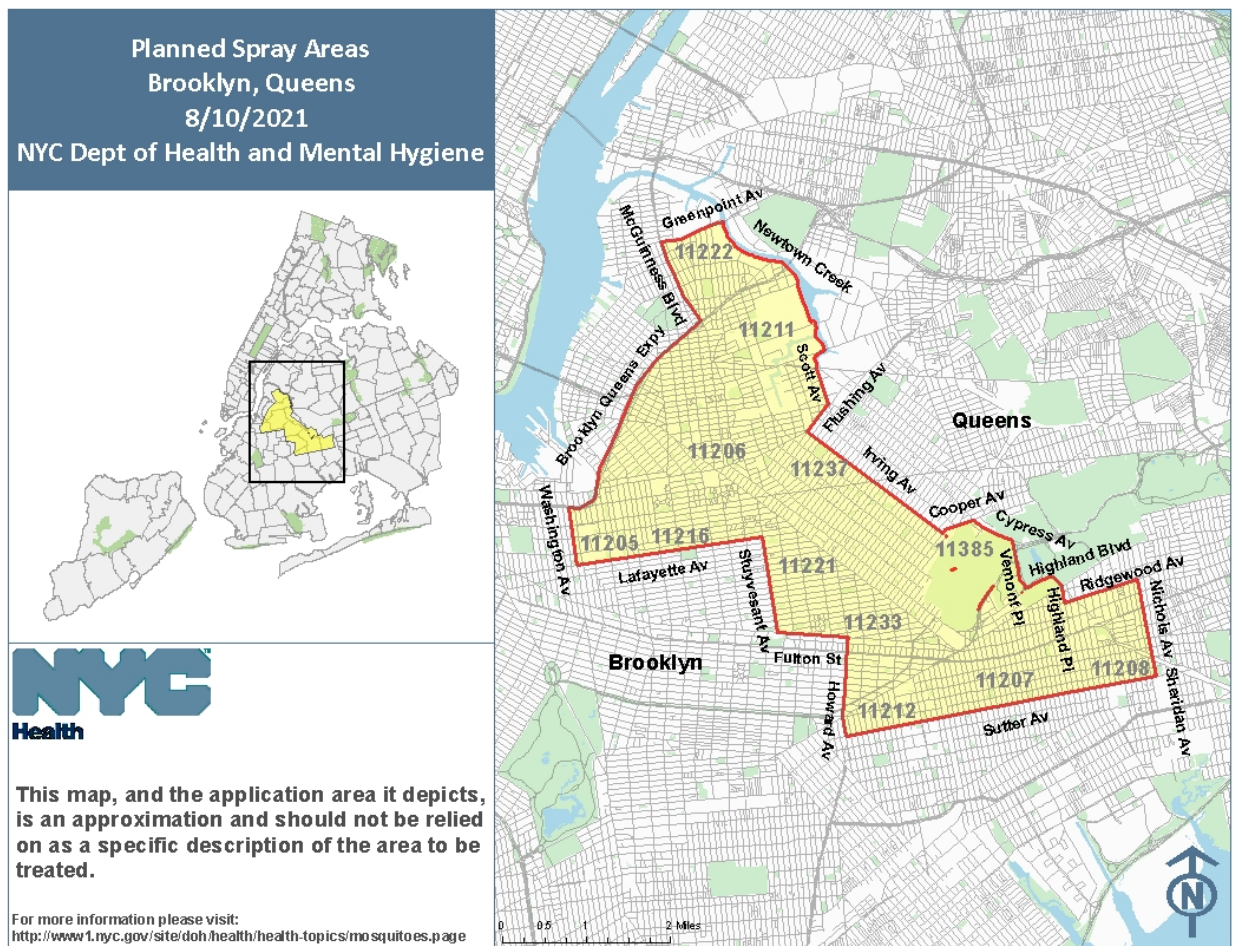
- Use an approved insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus (not for children under 3), or products that contain the active ingredient IR3535.
- Make sure windows have screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or holes.
- Eliminate any standing water from your property 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 nyc.gov/health/wnv. For more information about West Nile virus, call 311 or visit nyc.gov.

Locations of truck spraying for August 10

Neighborhoods	Boundaries	Zip Codes
Parts of Bedford-Stuyvesant, Broadway Junction, Brownsville, Bushwick, City Line, Clinton Hill, Cypress Hills, East New York, East Williamsburg, Greenpoint, Highland Park, Ocean Hill, and Ridgewood.	Bordered by Washington Avenue, Brooklyn-Queens Expressway, McGuinness Boulevard, and Greenpoint Avenue to the West; Newtown Creek, Scott Avenue, Flushing Avenue, Irving Avenue, Cooper Avenue, Cypress Avenue, Vermont Place, Highland Boulevard, Highland Place, and Ridgewood Avenue to the North; Nichols Avenue and Sheridan Avenue to the East; and, Sutter Avenue, Howard Avenue, Fulton Street, Stuyvesant Avenue, and Lafayette Avenue to the South.	Parts of 11205, 11206, 11207, 11208, 11211, 11208, 11211, 11212, 11216, 11221, 11222, 11233, 11237, and 11385

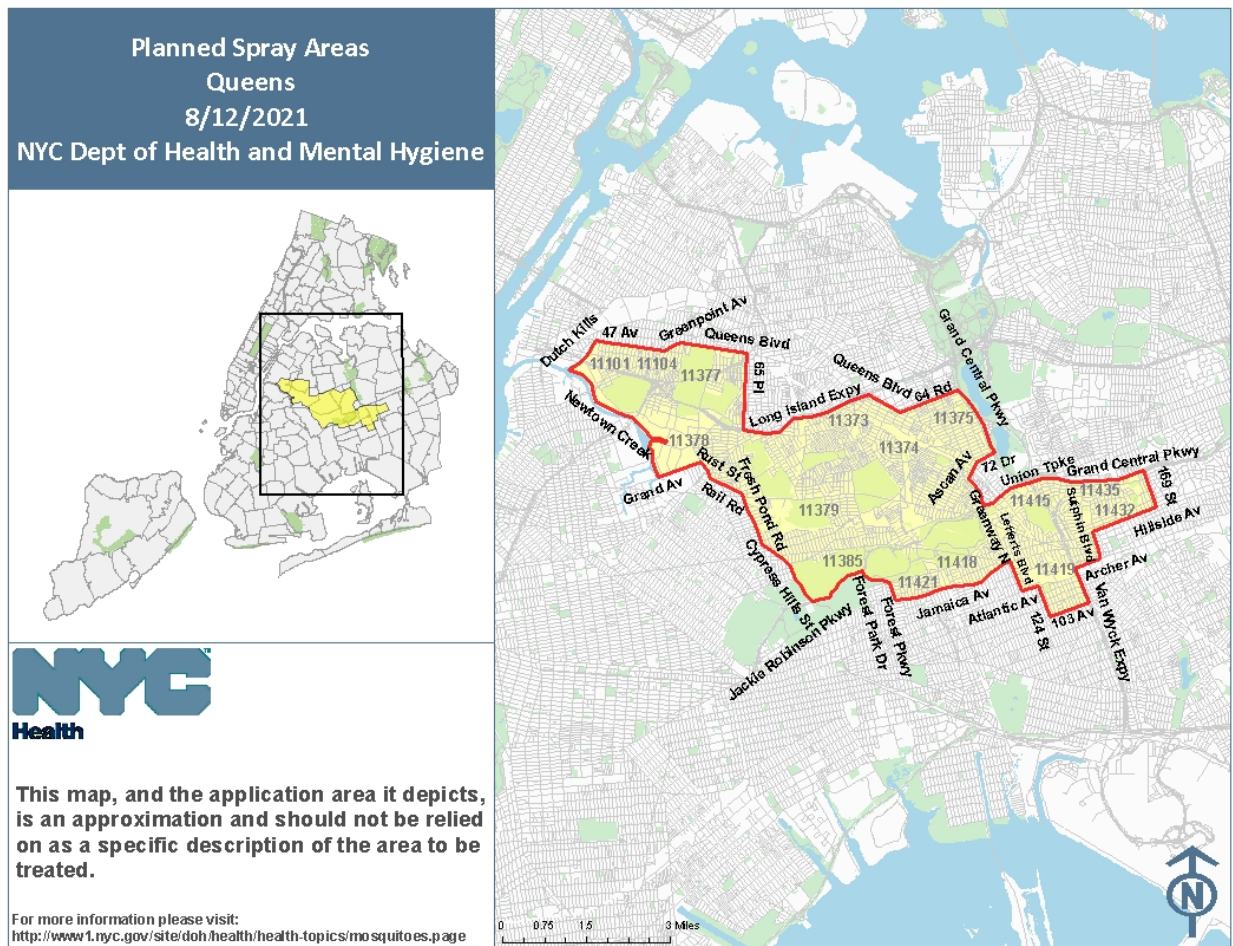
Map of truck spray areas for August 10



Locations of truck spraying for August 12

Neighborhoods	Boundaries	Zip Codes
Parts of Blissville, Briarwood, Elmhurst, Forest Hills, Forest Hills Gardens, Glendale, Jamaica, Jamaica Hills, Kew Gardens, Maspeth, Middle Village, Rego Park, Richmond Hill, Ridgewood, Sunnyside, West Maspeth, Woodhaven, and Woodside	Bordered by Dutch Kills to the West; 47 Avenue, Greenpoint Avenue, Queens Boulevard, 65 Place, Long Island Expressway, Queens Boulevard, 64 Road, Grand Central Parkway, 72 Drive, Ascan Avenue, Greenway North, Union Turnpike, and Grand Central Parkway to the North; 169 Street to the East; and, Hillside Avenue, Sutphin Boulevard, Archer Avenue, Van Wyck Expressway, 103 Avenue, 124 Street, Atlantic Avenue, Lefferts Boulevard, Jamaica Avenue, Forest Parkway, Forest Park Drive, Jackie Robinson Parkway, Cypress Hills Street, Fresh Pond Road, Rail Road, Rust Street, Grand Avenue, and Newtown Creek to the South.	Parts of 11101, 11104, 11373, 11374, 11375, 11377, 11378, 11379, 11385, 11415, 11418, 11419, 11421, 11432, and 11435

Map of truck spray areas for August 12



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