



**NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
AND MENTAL HYGIENE**  
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
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## **HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT MOSQUITO ADULTICIDING IN PARTS OF THE BRONX AND QUEENS TO REDUCE RISK OF WEST NILE VIRUS**

*Trucks will spray pesticide in parts of Queens and the Bronx in the evening of Tuesday, August  
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**August 12, 2021** – To reduce mosquito activity and the risk of West Nile virus, the Health Department will conduct an adulticide treatment in Queens and the Bronx. Trucks will spray pesticides in sections of Queens and the Bronx on **Tuesday, August 17 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 18**.

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**

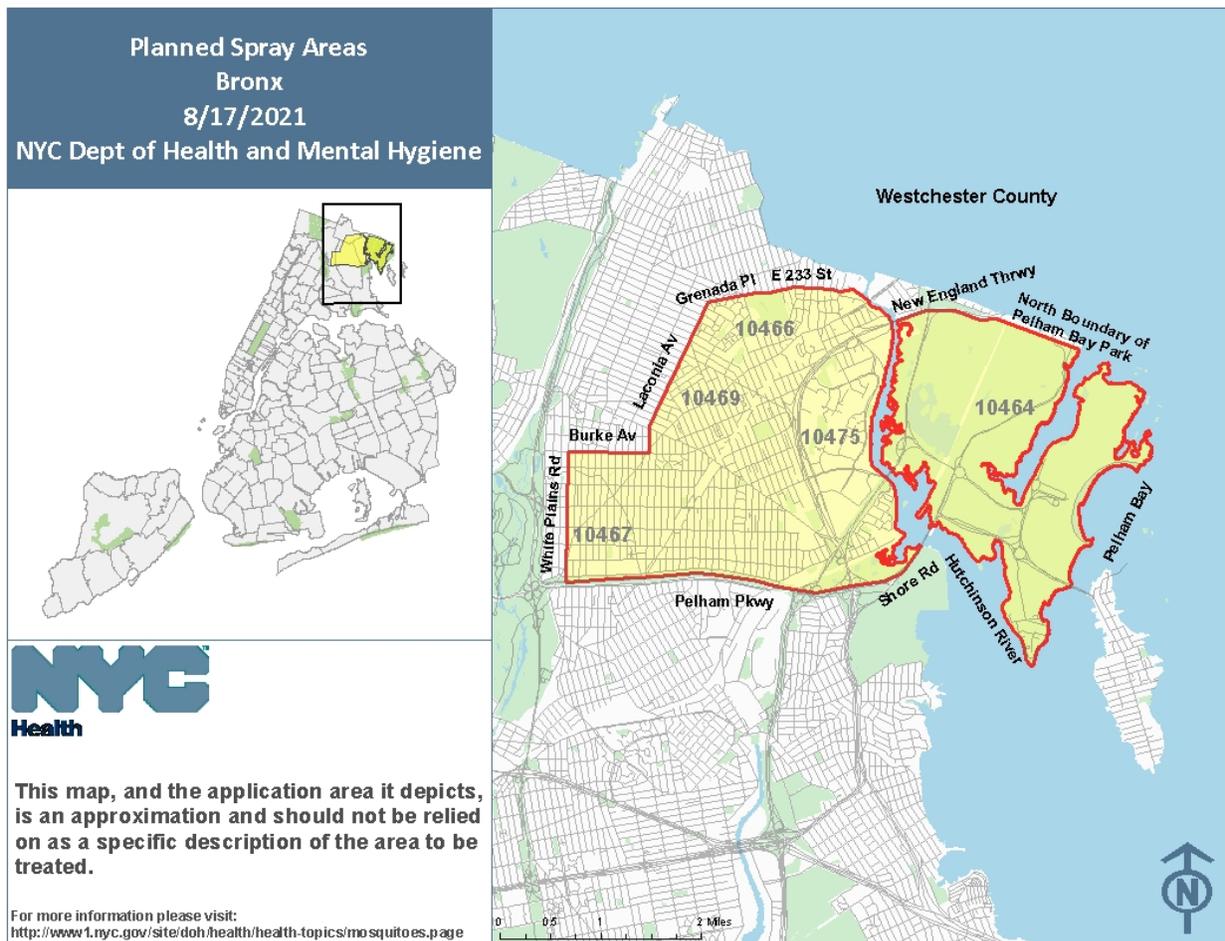
- Use an approved insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus (not for children under 3), or products that contain the active ingredient IR3535.
- Make sure windows have screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or holes.
- Eliminate any standing water from your property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

### Locations of truck spraying in the Bronx for August 17

Neighborhoods	Boundaries	Zip Codes
Parts of Allerton, Baychester, Bronxdale, Co-Op City, Eastchester, Edenwald, Pelham Gardens, Pelham Parkway, and Williamsbridge.	Bordered by White Plains Road to the West; Burke Avenue, Laconia Avenue, Grenada Place, East 233 Street, New England Thoroughway, and North Boundary of Pelham Bay Park to the North; Pelham Bay to the East; and, Hutchinson River, Shore Road, and Pelham Parkway to the South.	Parts of 10464, 10466, 10467, 10469, and 10475

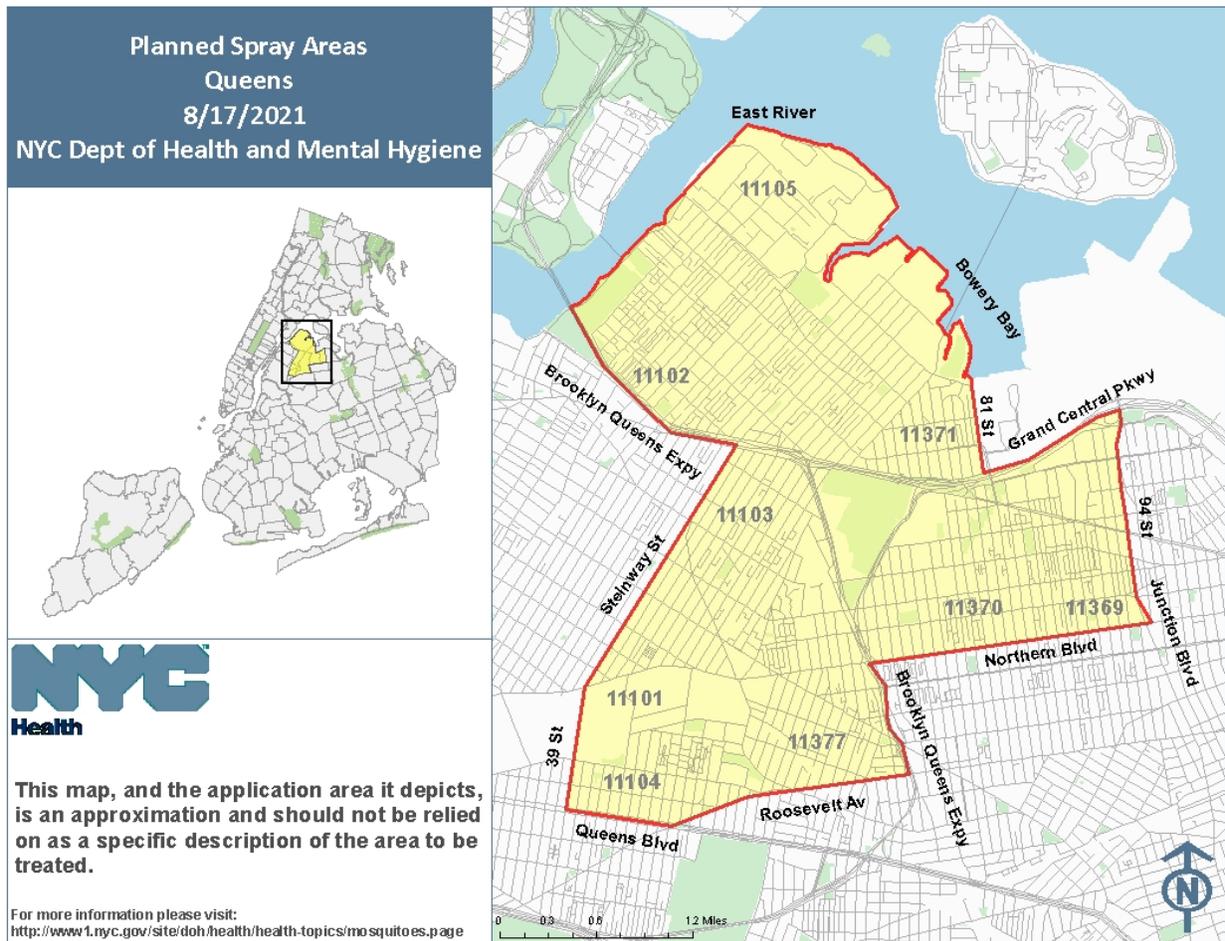
### Map of truck spray areas in the Bronx for August 17



### Locations of truck spraying in Queens for August 17

Neighborhoods	Boundaries	Zip Codes
Parts of Astoria, Ditmars, East Elmhurst, Jackson Heights, Steinway, Sunnyside, Sunnyside Gardens, and Woodside.	Bordered by 39 Street, Steinway Street and Brooklyn-Queens Expressway to the West; East River, Bowery Bay, 81 Street and Grand Central Parkway to the North; 94 Street, Junction Boulevard to the East; and, Northern Boulevard, Brooklyn-Queens Expressway, Roosevelt Avenue, and Queens Boulevard to the South.	Parts of 11101, 11102, 11103, 11104, 11105, 11369, 11370, 11371, and 11377

### Map of truck spray areas in Queens for August 17



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