



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

*Trucks will spray pesticide in parts of Queens and Staten Island in the evening of Thursday,
August 19*

August 13, 2021 – To reduce mosquito activity and the risk of West Nile virus, the Health Department will conduct an adulticide treatment in Queens and Staten Island. Trucks will spray pesticides in sections of Queens and Staten Island beginning on **Thursday, August 19, between the hours of 8:30 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. the following morning**, weather permitting. In case of bad weather or equipment malfunctions, application will be delayed until **Monday, August 23, 2021**.

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

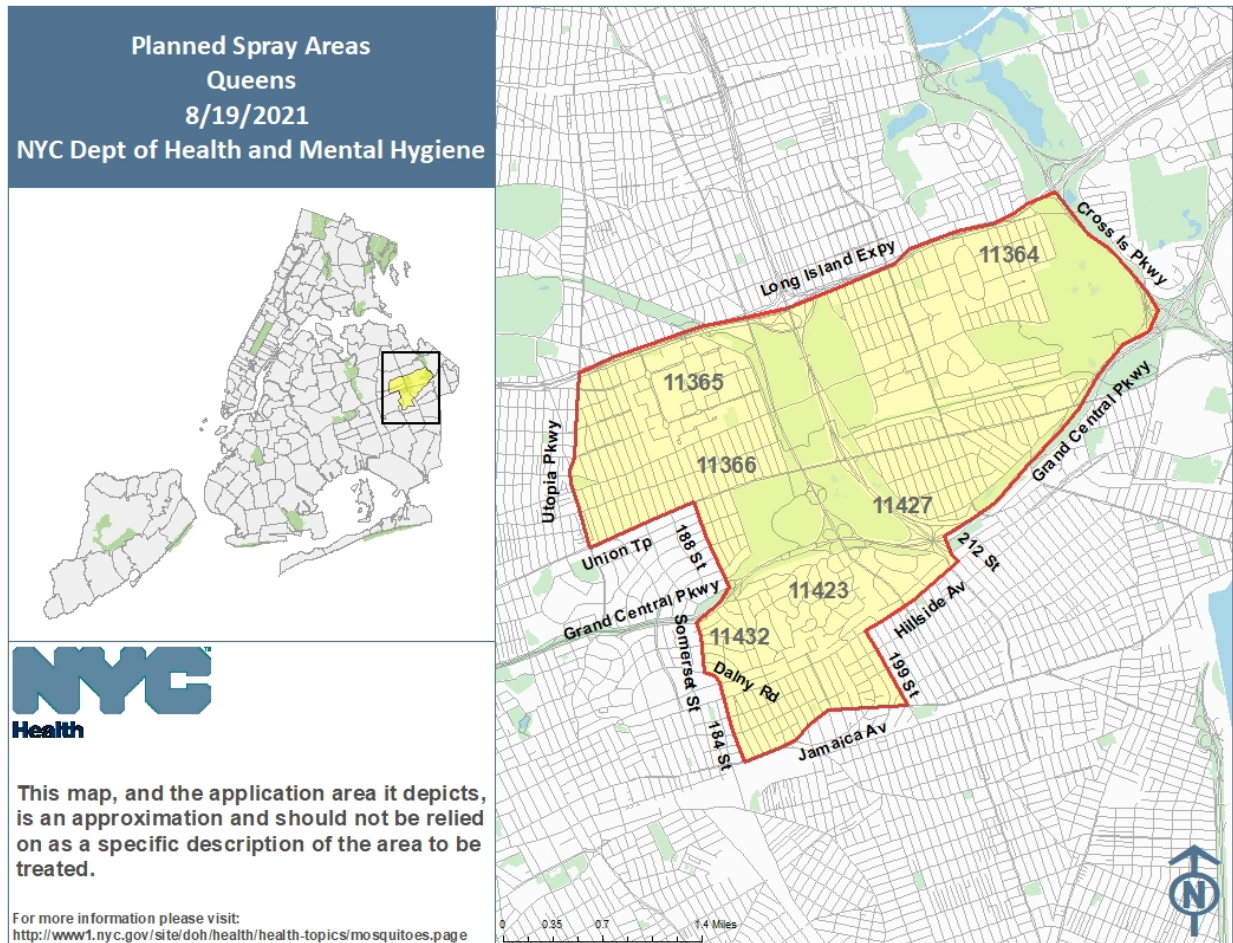
- Use an approved insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus (not for children under 3), or products that contain the active ingredient IR3535.
- Make sure windows have screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or holes.
- Eliminate any standing water from your property 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 in Queens for August 19

Neighborhoods	Boundaries	Zip Codes
Parts of Fresh Meadows, Hollis, Hollis Hills, Holliswood, Jamaica Estates, and Oakland Gardens.	Bordered by 184 Street, Dalny Road, Somerset Street, Grand Central Parkway, 188 Street,, Union Turnpike, and Utopia Avenue to the West; Long Island Expressway to the North; Cross Island Parkway to the East; and, Grand Central Parkway, 212 Street, Hillside Avenue, 199 Street, and Jamaica Avenue to the South.	Parts of 11364, 11365, 11366, 11423, 11432, and 11427

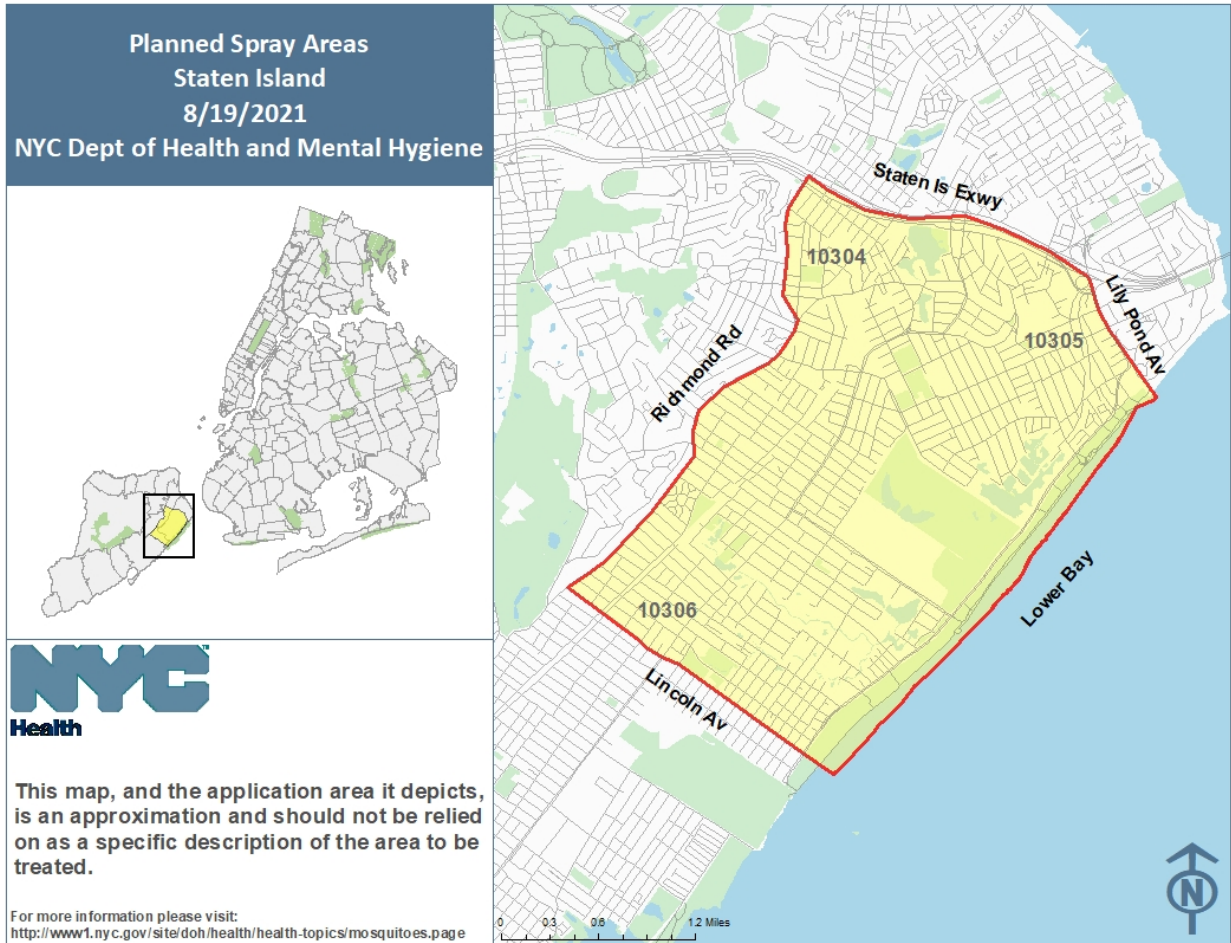
Map of truck spray areas in Queens for August 19



Locations of truck spraying on Staten Island for August 19

Neighborhoods	Boundaries	Zip Codes
Parts of Arrochar, Concord, Dongan Hills, Grasmere, Midland Beach, Old Town, and South Beach.	Bordered by Lincoln Avenue to the West; Richmond Avenue to the North; Staten Island Expressway and Lily Pond Road to the East; and, Lower Bay to the South.	Parts of 10304, 10305, and 10306

Map of truck spray areas on Staten Island for August 19



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