



NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT ADULTICIDING IN BROOKLYN TO REDUCE RISK OF WEST NILE VIRUS

Trucks will spray pesticide in parts of Brooklyn in the evening of Thursday, August 26

August 23, 2021 – To reduce mosquito activity and the risk of West Nile virus, the Health Department will conduct an adulticide treatment in Brooklyn. Trucks will spray pesticides in sections of Brooklyn on **Thursday, August 26, 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 **Monday, August 30**.

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

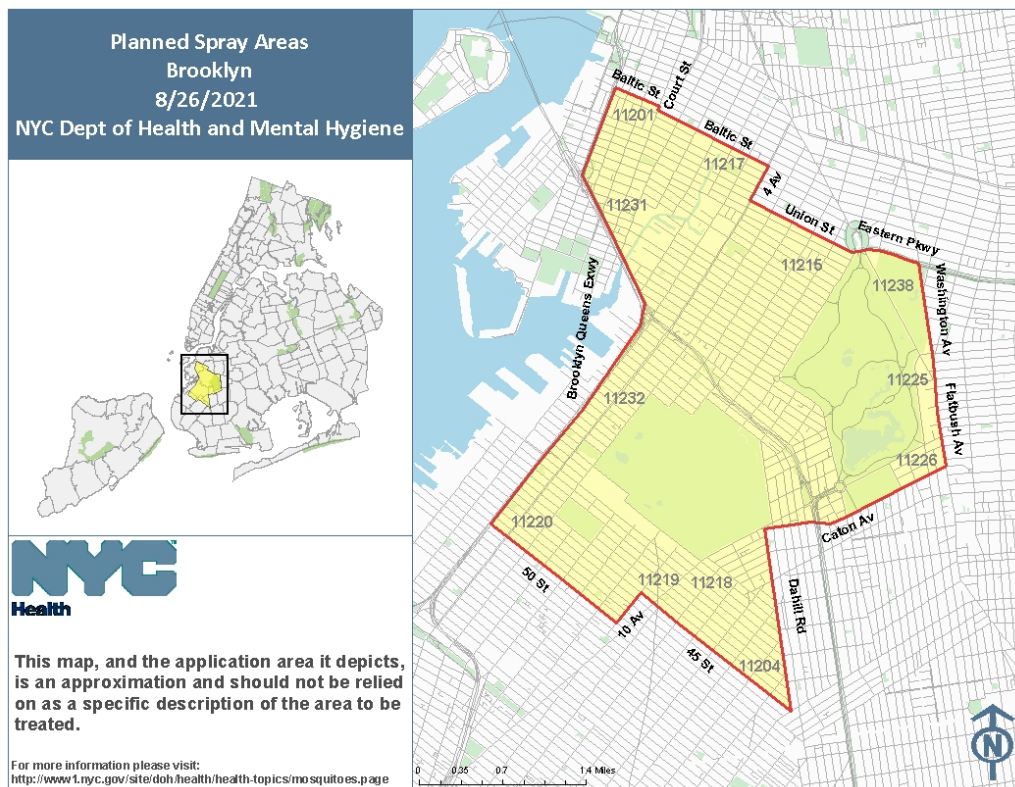
- Use an approved insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus (not for children under 3), or products that contain the active ingredient IR3535.
- Make sure windows have screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or holes.
- Eliminate any standing water from your property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

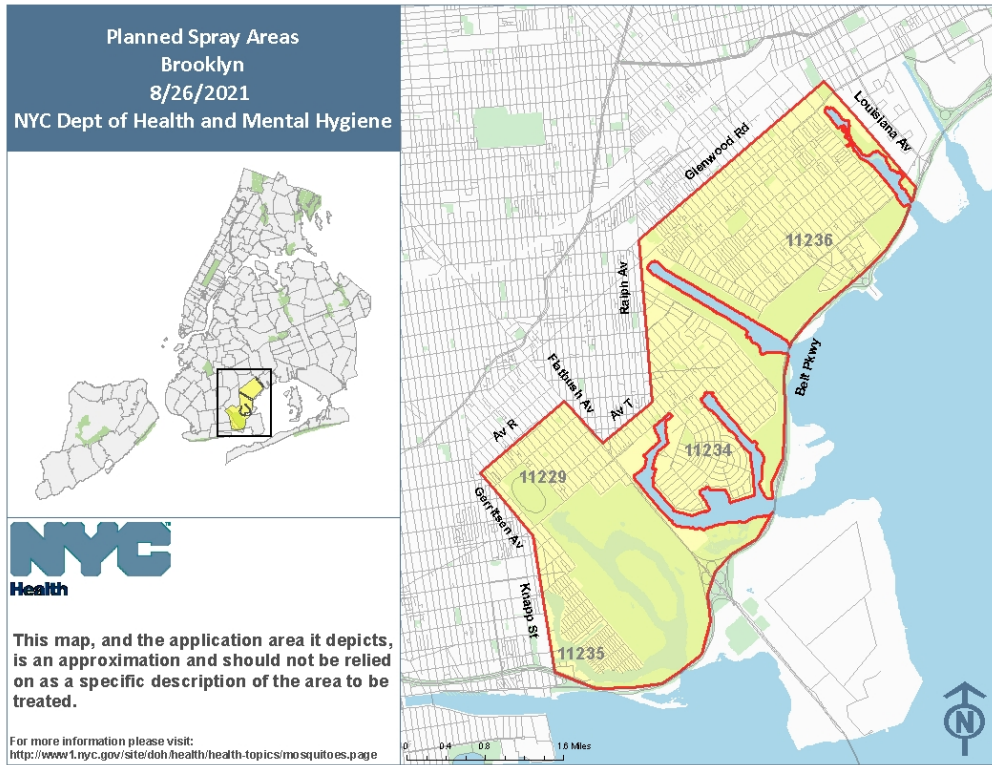
Report standing water by calling 311 or visiting nyc.gov/health/wnv. For more information about West Nile virus, call 311 or visit nyc.gov.

Locations of truck spraying

Neighborhoods	Boundaries	Zip Codes
Parts of Carroll Gardens, Cobble Hill, Gowanus, Greenwood Heights, Park Slope, Prospect Heights Gardens, Sunset Park, and Windsor Terrace	Bordered by Brooklyn-Queens Expressway to the West; Baltic Street, Court Street, Baltic Street, 4 Avenue, Union Street, Eastern Parkway to the North; Washington Avenue, Flatbush Avenue to the East; and, Caton Avenue, Dahill Road, 45 Street, 10 Avenue, 50 Street to the South.	Parts of 11201, 11204, 11215, 11217, 11218, 11219, 11220, 11225, 11226, 11231, 11232, and 11238
Parts of Bergen Beach, Canarsie, Georgetown, Gerritsen Beach, Marine Park, Mill Basin, Mill Island, Paerdegat Basin, Sheepshead Bay, and Starrett City.	Bordered by Knapp Street, Gerritsen Avenue to the West; Avenue R, Flatbush Avenue, Avenue T, Ralph Avenue, Glenwood Road to the North; Louisiana Avenue to the East; and, Belt Parkway to the South.	Parts of 11229, 11234, 11235, and 11236

Map of truck spray areas





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