

**NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE** Ashwin Vasan, MD, PhD *Commissioner* 

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### HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT MOSQUITO ADULTICIDING IN PARTS OF STATEN ISLAND TO REDUCE RISK OF WEST NILE VIRUS

*Trucks will spray pesticide in parts of Staten Island in the evening of Monday, July 22, 2024 and in the evening Wednesday, July 24, 2024* 

July 18, 2024 – To reduce mosquito activity and the risk of West Nile virus, the Health Department will conduct an adulticide treatment in Staten Island. Trucks will spray pesticides in sections of Staten Island on Monday, July 22, 2024 and on Wednesday, July 24, 2024 between the hours of 8:30 PM and 6:00 AM the following morning. In case of bad weather, application will be delayed until Tuesday, July 23, 2024 and on Thursday, July 25, 2024, respectively, between the hours of 8:30 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. the following morning.

The Health Department will use very low concentrations of Anvil® 10+10, 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.

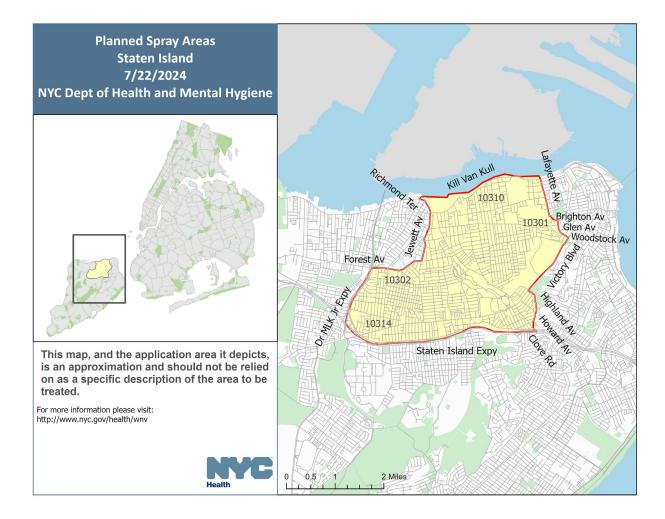
Report standing water by calling 311 or visiting <u>nyc.gov/health/wnv</u>. For more information about West Nile virus, call 311 or visit <u>nyc.gov</u>.

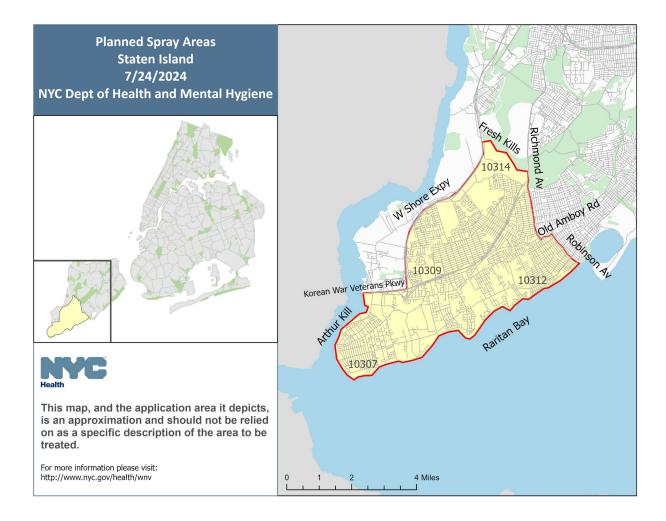
Borough	Neighborhoods	Boundaries	Zip Codes
Staten Island	Parts of Castleton Corners, Port	Bordered by Dr, Martin Luther King	Parts of
	Richmond, Randall Manor,	Expressway, Forest Ave, and Jewett Ave to the	10301,
	Silver Lake, Sunnyside,	West; Kill Van Kull to the North; Lafayette	10302,
	Tompkinsville West Brighton,	Ave, Brighton Ave, Glen Ave, Woodstock Ave,	10310, and
	Westerleigh and West New	Victory Boulevard, Highland Ave, and Howard	10314
	Brighton.	Ave to the East; and Clove Road and Staten	
	-	Island Expressway to the South.	

# Locations of truck spraying in Staten Island on Monday July 22, 2024

## Locations of truck spraying in Staten Island on Wednesday, July 24, 2024

Borough	Neighborhoods	Boundaries	Zip Codes
Staten Island	Parts of Annadale, Arden	Bordered by Arthur Kill, Korean War	Parts of 10307,
	Heights, Aspen Knolls,	Veterans Parkway, and West Shore	10309, 10312,
	Charleston, Eltingville,	Expressway to the West; West Shore	and 10314
	Greenridge, Huguenot, Pleasant	Expressway and Fresh Kills to the North;	
	Plains, Prince's Bay, Rossville,	Richmond Avenue, Amboy Road,	
	Southeast Annadale,	Robinson Avenue to the East; and Raritan	
	Tottenville, Village Greens, and	Bay to the South.	
	Woodrow.		





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