

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

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO SPRAY FOR ADULT MOSQUITOES IN PARTS OF THE BRONX AND QUEENS TO REDUCE RISK OF WEST NILE VIRUS

Trucks will spray pesticide in parts of the Bronx and Queens in the evening of Monday, July 29, 2024 and in the evening Wednesday, July 31, 2024

July 25, 2024 – To reduce mosquito activity and the risk of West Nile virus, the Health Department will conduct an adulticide treatment in the Bronx and in Queens. Trucks will spray pesticides in sections of the Bronx on Monday, July 29, 2024 and in Queens on Wednesday, July 31, 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 30, 2024 and on Thursday, August 1, 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.

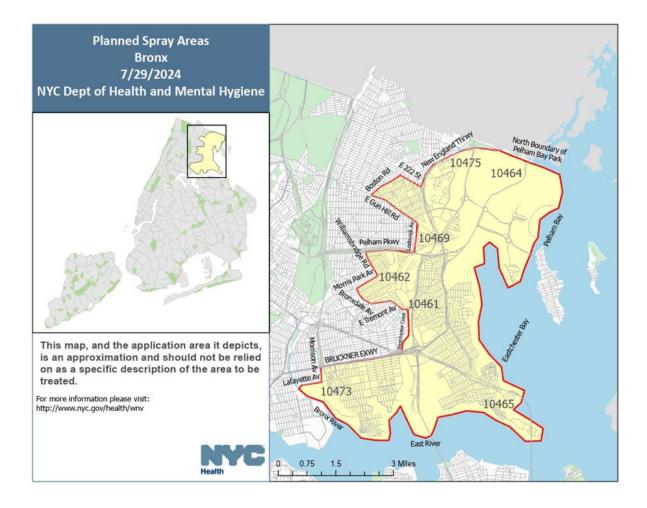
Report standing water by calling 311 or visiting <u>nyc.gov/health/wnv</u>. For more information about West Nile virus, call 311 or visit <u>nyc.gov</u>.

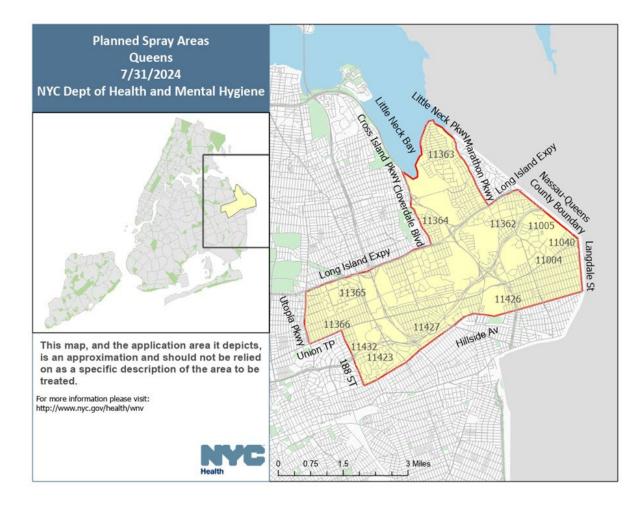
Borough	Neighborhoods	Boundaries	Zip Codes
	Parts of Baychester, Castle Hill,	Bordered by Bronx River, Lafayette Avenue,	Parts of 10461,
	Clason Point, Co-op City,	Morrison Avenue, Bruckner Expressway,	10462, 10464,
	Country Club, Harding Park,	Westchester Creek, E Tremont Avenue,	10465,10469
	Locust Point, Middletown,	Bronxdale Avenue, Morris Park Avenue,	10473, 10475
	Morris Park, Parkchester, Park	Williamsbridge Road, Pelham Parkway,	
Bronx	of Edgewater, Pelham Bay,	Lodovick Ave, and E Gun Hill Road to the West;	
	Pelham Gardens, Schuylerville,	Boston Road, E 22 Street, New England	
	Soundview, Spencer Estates,	Throughway, and North Boundary of Pelham	
	Throgs Neck, Unionport, and	Bay Park to the North; Pelham Bay, and	
	Westchester Square.	Eastchester Bay to the East; and, East River to	
		the South.	

Locations of truck spraying in the Bronx on Monday July 29, 2024

Locations of truck spraying in Queens on Wednesday, July 31, 2024

Borough	Neighborhoods	Boundaries	Zip Codes
Queens	Parts of Bayside, Bellerose Manor, Douglaston, Floral Park, Fresh Meadows, Glen Oaks, Hollis Hills, Holliswood, Jamaica Estates, Little Neck, Oakland Gardens, Queens Village and Utopia.	Bordered by 188 Street, Union Turnpike, Utopia Parkway, Long Island Expressway, Cloverdale Boulevard, and Cross Island Parkway to the West; Little Neck Bay to the North; Little Neck Parkway, Marathon Parkway, Long Island Expressway, Nassau-Queens County Border, and Langdale Street to the East; and Hillside Avenue to the South.	Parts of 11004, 11005, 11040, 11362, 11363, 11364, 11365, 11366, 11423, 11426, 11427, and 11432





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