



**NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND MENTAL HYGIENE**
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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**HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO SPRAY FOR ADULT MOSQUITOES IN PARTS OF
STATEN ISLAND AND THE BRONX TO REDUCE RISK OF WEST NILE VIRUS**

*Trucks will spray pesticide in parts of Staten Island and the Bronx in the evening of Monday,
August 19, 2024, and Wednesday, August 21, 2024*

August 15, 2024 – To reduce mosquito activity and the risk of West Nile virus, the Health Department will conduct an adulticide treatment in Staten Island and the Bronx.

Trucks will spray pesticides in sections of Staten Island beginning on Monday, **August 19, 2024, between the hours of 8:30 PM and 6:00 AM the following morning** and in the Bronx on **Wednesday, August 21, 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, August 20, 2024, and Thursday, August 22, 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

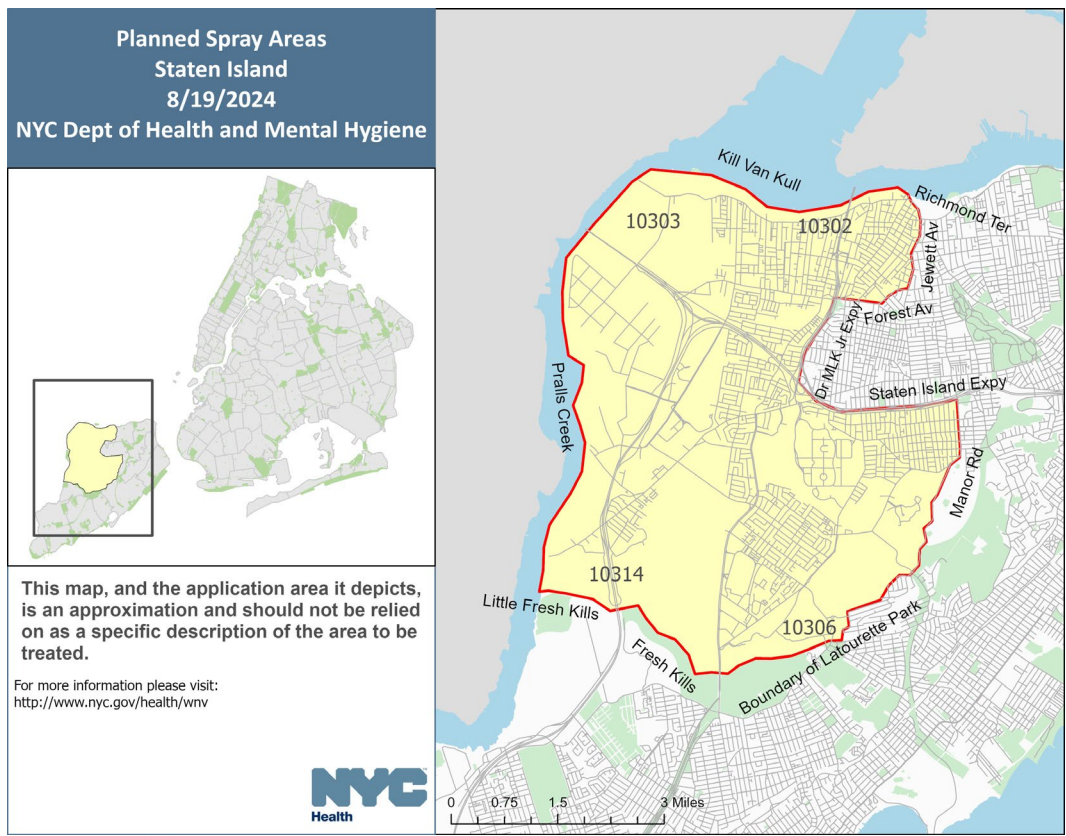
- Use an approved insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus (not for children under 3), or products that contain the active ingredient IR3535.
- Make sure windows have screens. Repair or replace screens that have tears or holes.
- Eliminate any standing water from your property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

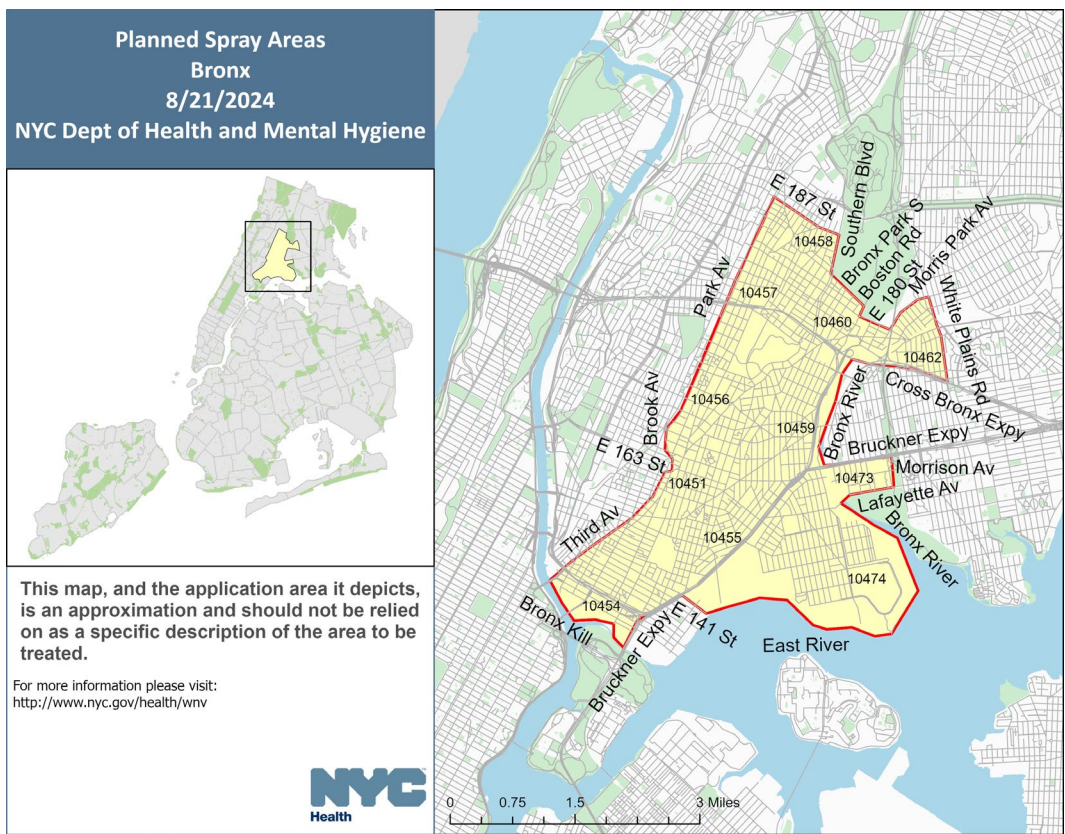
Locations of truck spraying in Staten Island for Monday, August 19, 2024

Borough	Neighborhoods	Boundaries	Zip Codes
Staten Island	Parts of Arlington, Bloomfield, Bulls Head, Chelsea, Graniteville, Heartland Village, Howland Hook, Manor Heights, Mariners Harbor, Mid Island, New Springville, Old Place, Port Richmond, Saw Mill Creek Marsh, Travis, and Willowbrook	Bordered by Pralls Creek to the West; Kill Van Kull, Richmond Terrace to the North; Jewett Avenue, Forest Avenue, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Expressway, Staten Island Expressway, Manor Road to the East; and, Boundary of Latourette Park, Fresh Kills, Little Fresh Kills to the South	Parts of 10302, 10303, 10306, and 10314



Locations of truck spraying in the Bronx for Wednesday, August 21, 2024

Borough	Neighborhoods	Boundaries	Zip Codes
Bronx	Parts of Bathgate, Belmont, Bronx River, Claremont, Crotona Park, Crotona Park East, East Tremont, Hunts Point, Longwood, Melrose, Morrisania, Mott Haven, Port Morris, Soundview, The Hub, Tremont, Van Nest, and West Farms.	Bordered by Third Avenue, East 163 rd Street, Brook Avenue, Park Avenue to the West; East 187 th Street, Southern Boulevard, Bronx Park South, Boston Road, East 180 th Street, Morris Park to the North; White Plains Road, Cross Bronx Expressway, Bronx River, Bruckner Expressway, Morrison Avenue, Lafayette Avenue, Bronx River to the East; and, East River, East 141 st Street, Bruckner Expressway, Bronx Kill to the South.	Parts of 10451, 10454, 10455, 10456, 10457, 10458, 10459, 10460, 10462, 10473, and 10474



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