

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Wednesday, August 28, 2024

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

Trucks will spray pesticide in parts of Queens and Manhattan on the nights of Tuesday, September 3, 2024, and Thursday, September 5, 2024, respectively

August 28, 2024 – To reduce mosquito activity and the risk of West Nile virus, the Health Department will conduct adulticide treatments in Queens and Manhattan.

Trucks will spray pesticides in sections of Queens beginning Tuesday, September 3, 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 Wednesday, September 4, 2024, between the hours of 8:30 PM and 6:00 AM the following morning.

Trucks will spray pesticides in sections of Manhattan beginning on Thursday, September 5, 2024, between the hours of 10:30 PM and 6:00 AM the following morning. In case of bad weather, application will be delayed until Monday, September 9, 2024, between the hours of 10:30 PM and 6:00 AM 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.

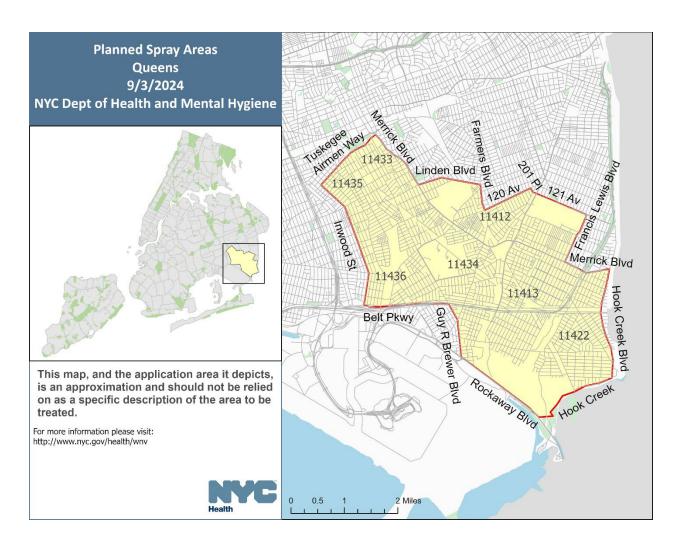
Reducing exposure to mosquitoes

- 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>.

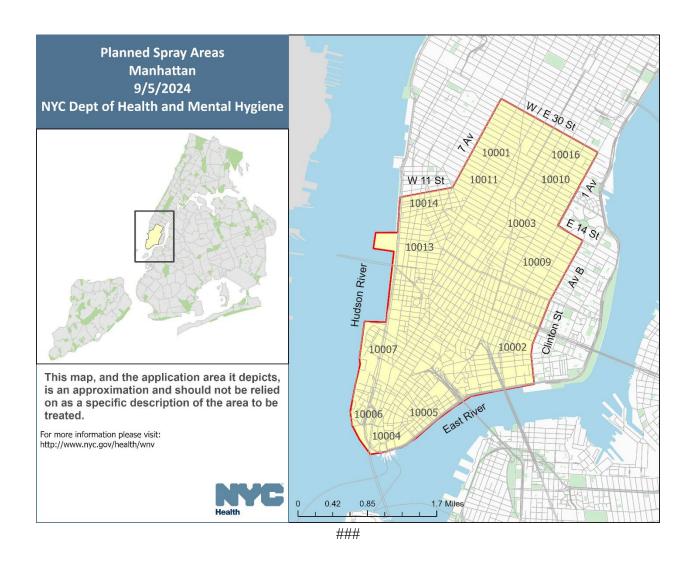
Locations of truck spraying in Queens for Tuesday, September 3, 2024

Borough	Neighborhoods	Boundaries	Zip Codes
Queens	Parts of Brookville, Cambria Heights, Laurelton, Rochdale, Rosedale, South Jamaica, Springfield Gardens, and St. Albans.	Bordered by Inwood Street, Tuskegee Airmen Way to the West; Merrick Boulevard, Linden Boulevard, Farmers Boulevard, 120 Avenue, 201 Place, 121 Avenue to the North; Francis Lewis Boulevard, Merrick Boulevard, Hook Creek Boulevard, Hook Creek to the East; and, Rockaway Boulevard, Guy Brewer Boulevard, Belt Parkway to the South.	Parts of 11412, 11413, 11422, 11433, 11434, 11435, and 11436



Locations of truck spraying in Manhattan for Thursday, September 5, 2024

Borough	Neighborhoods	Boundaries	Zip Codes
Manhattan	Parts of Bowery, Chinatown, Civic Center, East Village, Financial District, Flatiron, Gramercy Park, Greenwich Village, Kips Bay, Little Italy, Lower East Side, Midtown South, NOHO, SOHO, Tribeca, Two Bridges, Union Square, and West Village	Bordered by Hudson River, West 11 Street, 7 Avenue to the West; West to East 30 Street to the North; 1 Avenue, East 14 Street, Avenue B, Clinton Street to the East; and, East River, Hudson River to the South.	Parts of 10001, 10002, 10003, 10004, 10005, 10006, 10007, 10009, 10010, 10011, 10013, 10014, and 10016.



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