



**NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND MENTAL HYGIENE**
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**HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO SPRAY FOR ADULT MOSQUITOES IN PARTS OF
QUEENS AND BROOKLYN-QUEENS TO REDUCE RISK OF WEST NILE VIRUS**

*Trucks Will Spray Pesticide in Parts of Queens and Brooklyn-Queens on September 10 and 12,
Respectively.*

September 5, 2024 – To reduce mosquito activity and the risk of West Nile virus, the Health Department will conduct adulticide treatments in Queens and Brooklyn.

Trucks will spray pesticides in sections of Queens beginning **Tuesday, September 10, 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 11, 2024, between the hours of 8:30 PM and 6:00 AM the following morning.**

Trucks will spray pesticides in sections of Brooklyn-Queens beginning on **Thursday, September 12, 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 16, 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.

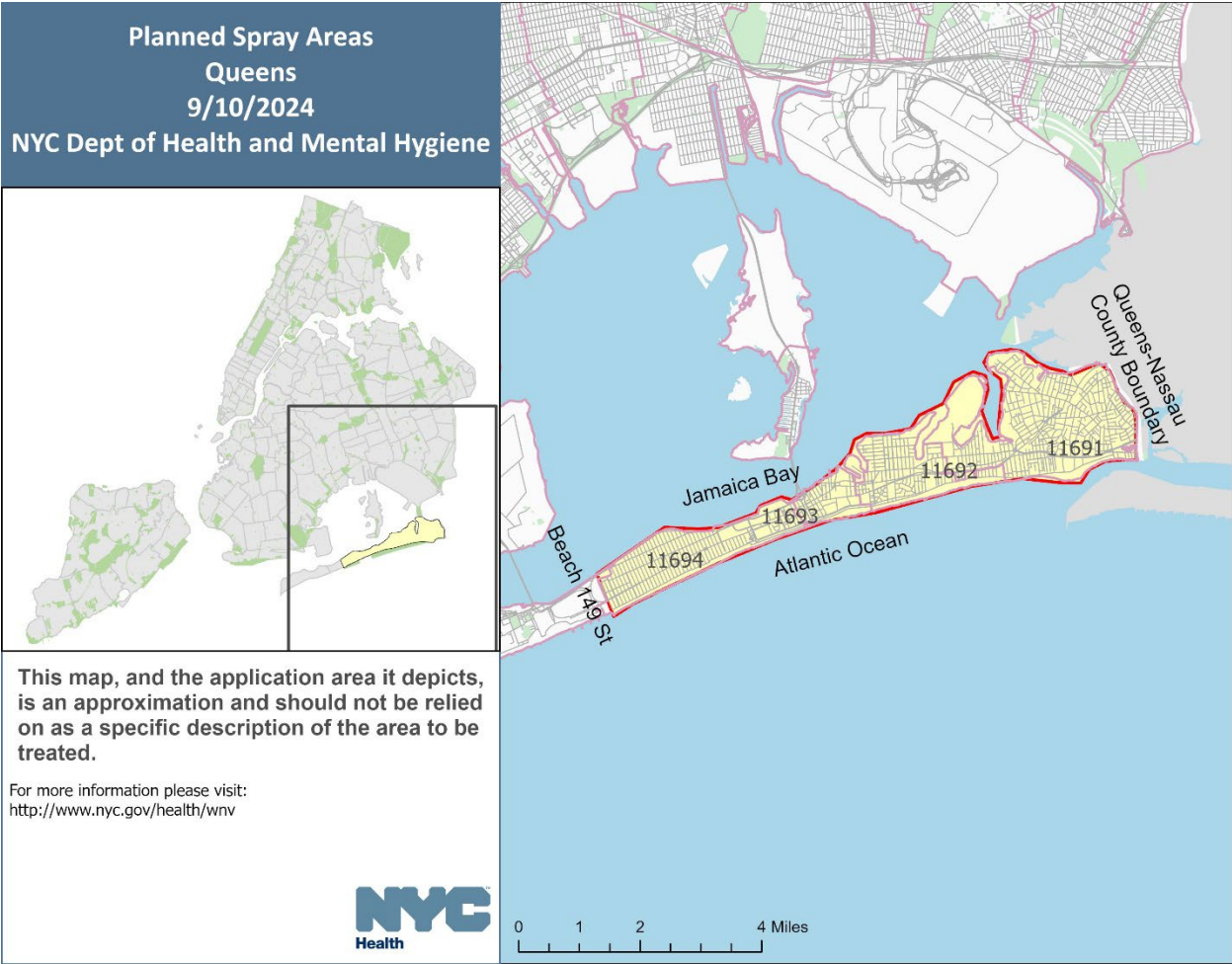
Reducing exposure to mosquitoes

- 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 nyc.gov/health/wnv. For more information about West Nile virus, call 311 or visit nyc.gov.

Locations of truck spraying in Queens for Tuesday, September 10, 2024

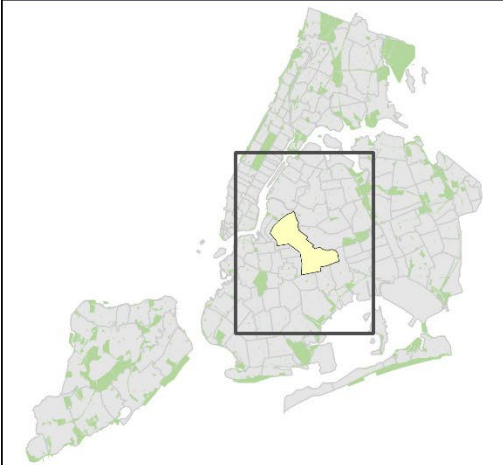
Borough	Neighborhoods	Boundaries	Zip Codes
Queens	Parts of Arverne, Arverne By The Sea, Bayswater, Belle Harbor, Edgemere, Far Rockaway, Hammels, Neponsit, Rockaway Beach, Rockaway Park, Seaside, Somerville, and Wave Crest.	Bordered by Beach 149 Street to the West; Jamaica Bay to the North; Queens-Nassau County Boundary to the East; and Atlantic Ocean to the South.	Parts of 11691, 11692, 11693, and 11694.



Locations of truck spraying in Brooklyn-Queens for Thursday, September 12, 2024

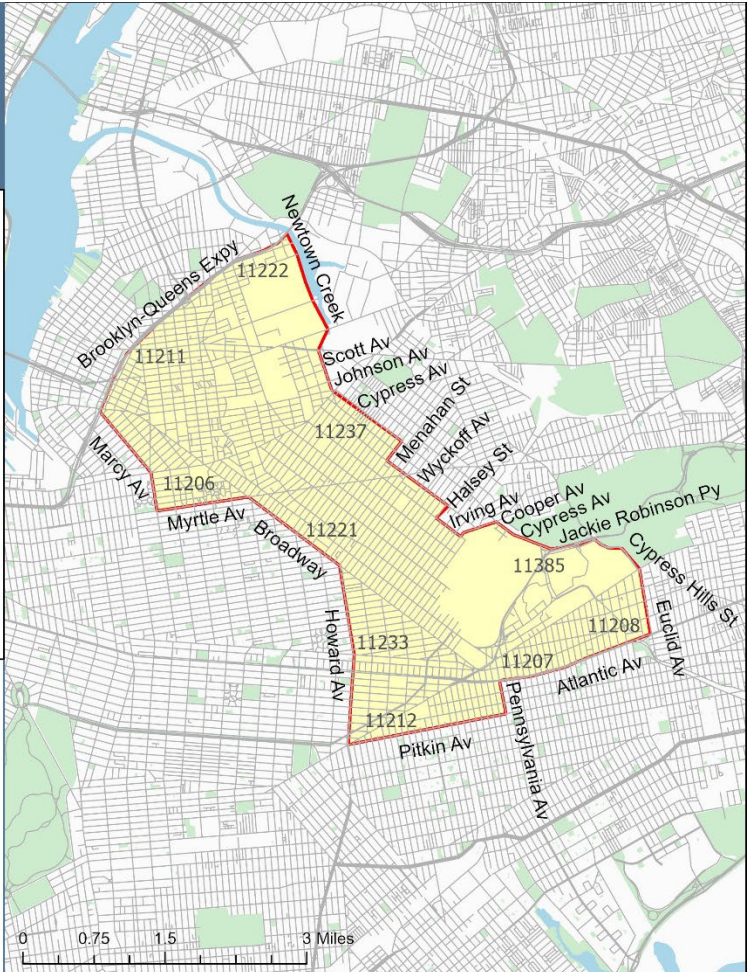
Borough	Neighborhoods	Boundaries	Zip Codes
Brooklyn-Queens	Parts of Broadway Junction, Brownsville, Bushwick, Cypress Hills, East Williamsburg, Ocean Hill, and Ridgewood.	Bordered by Brooklyn-Queens Expressway to the West; Newtown Creek, Scott Avenue, Johnson Avenue, Cypress Avenue, Menahan Street, Wyckoff Avenue, Halsey Street, Irving Avenue, Cooper Avenue, Cypress Avenue, Jackie Robinson Parkway to the North; Cypress Hills Street, Euclid Avenue to the East; and, Atlantic Avenue, Pennsylvania Avenue, Pitkin Avenue, Howard Avenue, Broadway, Myrtle Avenue, Marcy Avenue to the South.	Parts of 11206, 11207, 11208, 11211, 11212, 11221, 11222, 11233, 11237, and 11385

Planned Spray Areas
Brooklyn
9/12/2024
NYC Dept of Health and Mental Hygiene



This map, and the application area it depicts, is an approximation and should not be relied on as a specific description of the area to be treated.

For more information please visit:
<http://www.nyc.gov/health/wnv>



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