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HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO SPRAY PESTICIDE FROM TRUCKS IN BROOKLYN TO REDUCE RISK OF WEST NILE VIRUS

To date, no human cases of West Nile virus have been reported this season

August 1, 2017 – To reduce the risk of West Nile virus, the Health Department will spray pesticide from trucks in parts of Brooklyn on **Thursday, August 3 between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. the following morning**, weather permitting.

In case of inclement weather, the application will be delayed until Monday, August 7 during the same hours.

The Health Department monitors mosquitoes that carry the West Nile virus and applies pesticides to mosquito breeding grounds when appropriate throughout the summer. Spray trucks will be used in Staten Island because the areas listed below have met sufficient criteria – an increase in West Nile virus activity as well as high numbers of *Culex* mosquitoes that have been known to transmit West Nile virus.

Locations of truck spraying in Brooklyn to reduce risk of West Nile virus

Borough	Neighborhoods	Boundaries	Zip Codes
Brooklyn	Part of Bath Beach, Bensonhurst, Bergen Beach, Flatlands, Georgetown, Gravesend, Homecrest, Mapleton, Marine Park, Mill Basin, Mill Island, New Utrecht, Ocean Parkway, and Sheepshead Bay	Bordered by 25 th Avenue, 84 th Street and 20 th Avenue to the West; 65 th Street, Avenue P, Ocean Parkway, Avenue U, Haring Street, Avenue R, Schenectady Avenue, Avenue L and Paerdegat Basin to the North; Belt Parkway to the East; and Belt Parkway, Coyle Street, Avenue Z, Stillwell Avenue and Coney Island Creek to the South.	Parts of 11204, 11214, 11223, 11224, 11230, 11234, 11235

For the sprayings in Brooklyn, the Health Department will use very low concentrations of Anvil® 10+10. When properly used, this product poses no significant risks to human health. The Health Department recommends that people **take the following precautions to minimize direct exposure**:

- Whenever possible, stay indoors during spraying. People with asthma or other respiratory conditions are encouraged to stay inside since direct exposure could worsen these conditions.

- Air conditioners may remain on. However, if you wish to reduce the possibility of indoor exposure to pesticides, set the air conditioner vent to the closed position, or choose the re-circulate function.
- Remove children's toys, outdoor equipment and clothes from outdoor areas during spraying. If outdoor equipment and toys are exposed to pesticides, wash them with soap and water before using again.
- Wash skin and clothing exposed to pesticides with soap and water. Always wash your produce thoroughly with water before cooking or eating.

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.

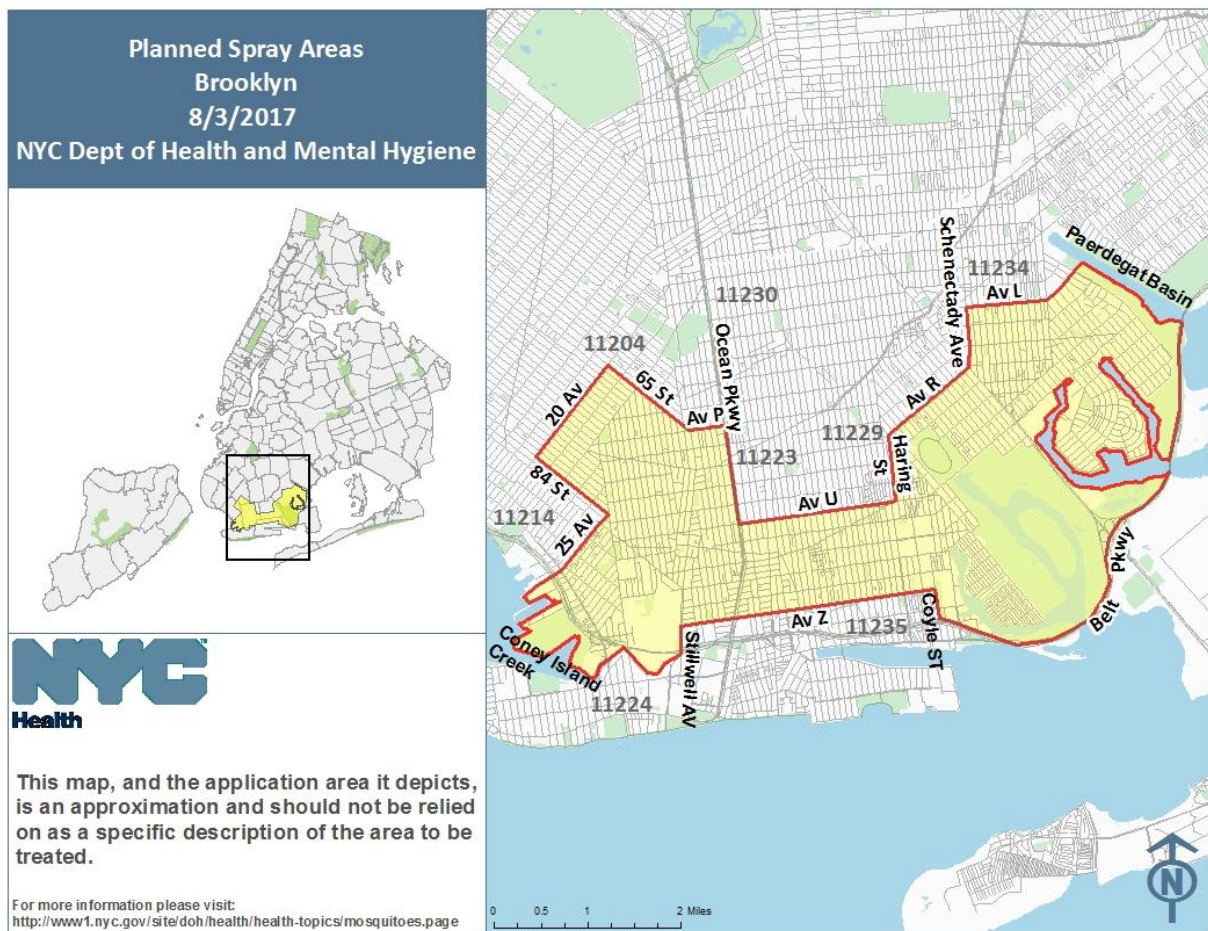
Reducing exposure to mosquitoes

- Use an approved insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus (not for children under three), 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.

Maps of spray areas



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