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HEALTH DEPARTMENT PESTICIDE SPRAYING IN SELECTED PARTS OF QUEENS AND STATEN ISLAND POSTPONED UNTIL MONDAY DUE TO EXPECTED RAIN

Pesticide spraying to reduce the risk of West Nile virus is ineffective in rainy conditions. Health Department will spray pesticide in parts of Queens and Staten Island next week.

August 7, 2013 – Tonight’s pesticide spraying scheduled for parts of Queens and Staten Island has been postponed until Monday due to expected rain tonight and tomorrow. Pesticide spraying to reduce the risk of West Nile virus is ineffective in rainy conditions. The Health Department will now spray pesticide from trucks in parts of Queens and Staten Island on **Monday, August 12, 2013 between the hours of 8:15 p.m. and 6 a.m. the following morning**, weather permitting. In case of bad weather, application will be delayed until Tuesday, August 13, 2013 during the same hours. The neighborhoods listed below are being treated due to rising West Nile virus activity with high mosquito populations.

Locations of Application

Borough	Neighborhoods	Boundaries	Zip Codes
Queens	Parts of Fresh Meadows, Hollis Hills, Holliswood, Jamaica Estates and Oakland Gardens	Bordered by 58th Avenue to the North; 188th Street to the West; Hillside Avenue to the South; and 215th Street and Bell Boulevard to the East	Parts of 11364, 11365, 11366, 11423, 11427, 11432
Staten Island	Parts of Grymes Hill, Randall Manor, Sunnyside, West Brighton and Westerleigh	Bordered by Forest Avenue, Castleton Avenue, Woodstick Avenue and Victory Boulevard to the North; Manor Road to the West; Staten Island Expressway to the South; and Clove Road, Howard Ave and Louis Street to the East	Parts of 10301, 10310, 10314

For these sprayings, the Health Department will use a very low concentration of Anvil® 10+10, a synthetic pesticide. 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:

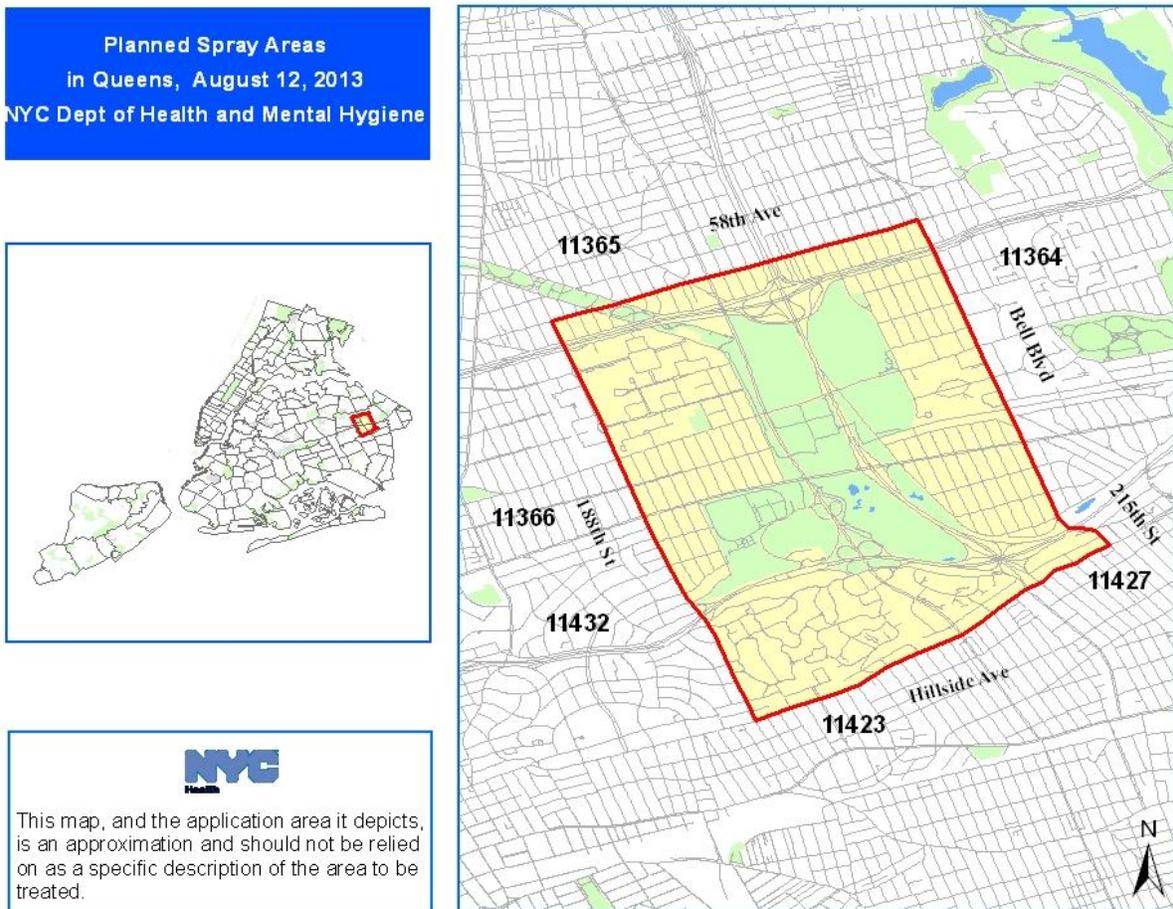
- Whenever possible, stay indoors during spraying. People with asthma or other respiratory conditions are encouraged to stay inside during spraying since direct exposure could worsen these conditions.
- Air conditioners may remain on, however, if you wish to reduce the possibility of indoor exposure 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.

Reducing Exposure to Mosquitoes

- Consider reducing the amount of time spent outdoors during the hours between dusk and dawn in areas with heavy mosquito populations.
- Use an approved insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus (not for children under three).
- Make sure windows have screens, and 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 and covered if not in use; drain water that collects in pool covers.
- Report standing water by calling 311 or visiting nyc.gov.

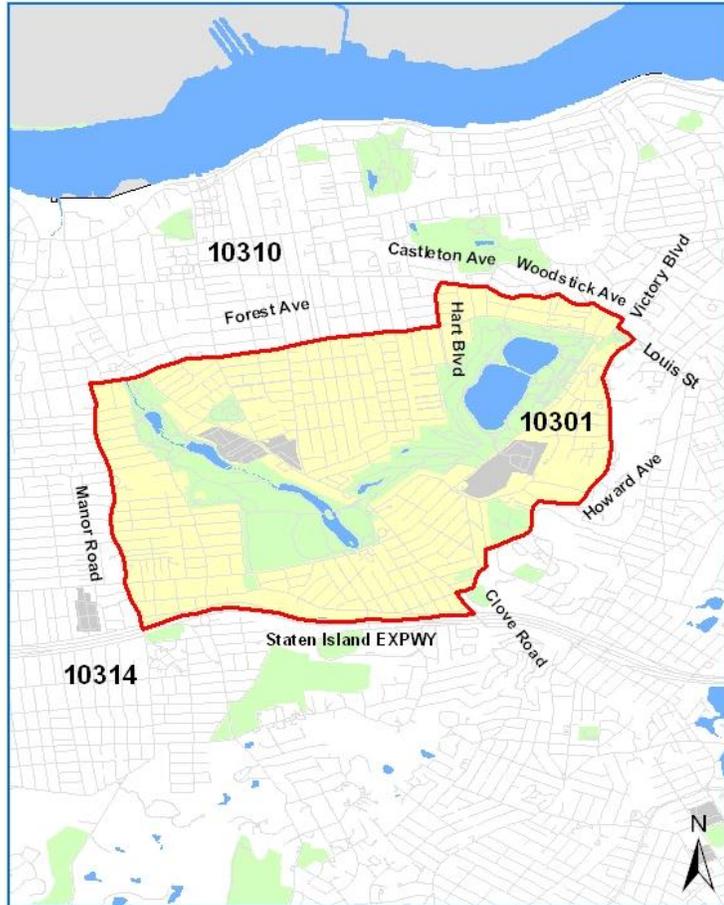
Maps Depicting Specific Areas for Pesticide Application



**Planned Spray Areas
in Staten Island, August 12, 2013
NYC Dept of Health and Mental Hygiene**



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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.



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