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HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO SPRAY PESTICIDE TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF MOSQUITOES AND THE RISK OF WEST NILE VIRUS IN SELECTED PARTS OF QUEENS

September 16, 2014 – To reduce mosquito activity and the risk of West Nile virus, the Health Department will spray pesticide from trucks in parts of Queens on **Thursday, September 18, 2014 between the hours of 8:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. the following morning**, weather permitting. In case of bad weather, application will be delayed until Monday, September 22, 2014 during the same hours. To date, there have been eight human cases of West Nile virus in New York City.

Locations of Application

Neighborhoods	Boundaries	Zip Codes
Parts of Arvern, Bays Water, Edgemere, Far Rockaway, Hammels and Somerville	Bordered by Jamaica Bay to the North; Cross Bay Parkway to the West; Atlantic Ocean to the South and Nassau County Boundary to the East	Parts of 11691, 11692, and 11693
Parts of Cambria Heights, Laurelton, Saint Albans and Springfield Gardens	Bordered by 119 th Ave to the North; Farmers Blvd to the West; Merrick Blvd to the South; Belt Parkway and Nassau County Line, to the East	Parts of 11411, 11412, 11413, 11422 and 11434

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:**

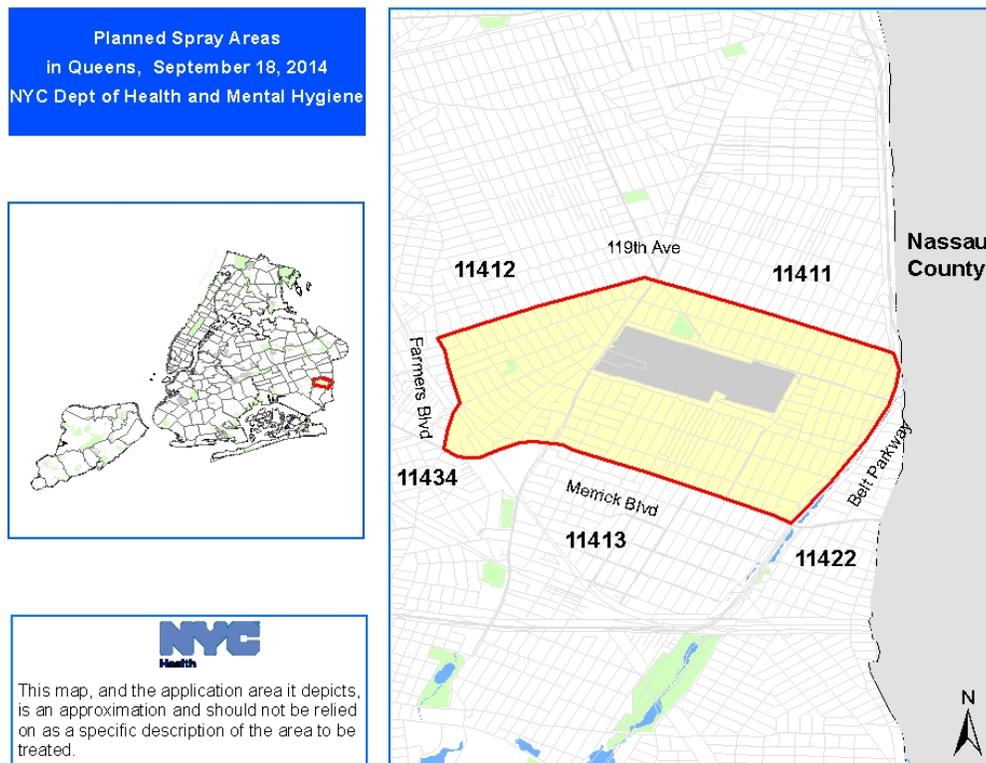
- Whenever possible, stay indoors during spraying. People with asthma or other respiratory conditions are encouraged to stay inside during spraying since direct exposure could worsen these conditions.
- Air conditioners may remain on, however, if you wish to reduce the possibility of indoor exposure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

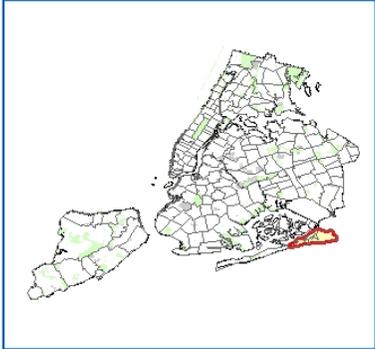
- Consider reducing the amount of time spent outdoors during the hours between dusk and dawn in areas with heavy mosquito populations.

- 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 <http://www.nyc.gov/health/wmv>.

Map Depicting Specific Areas for Pesticide Application

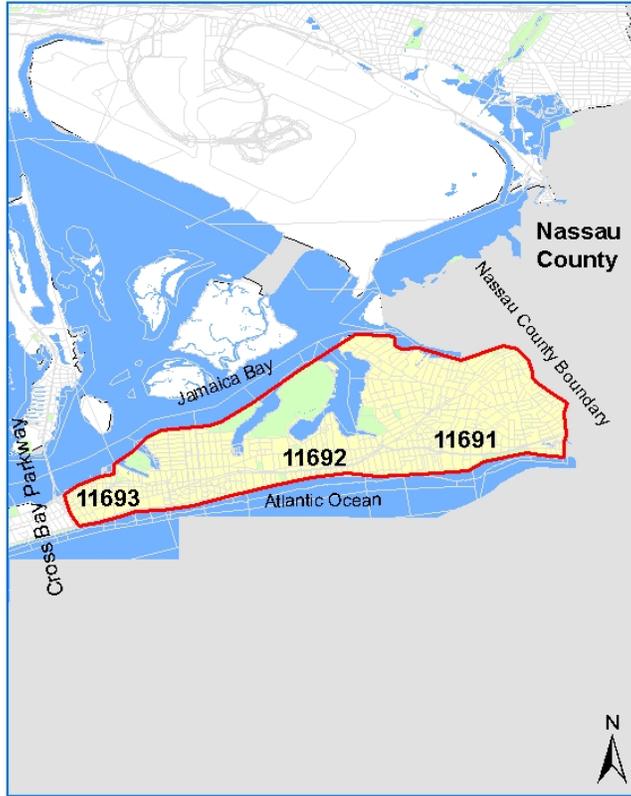


Planned Spray Areas
in Queens, September 18, 2014
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This map, and the application area it depicts, is an approximation and should not be relied on as a specific description of the area to be treated.



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