



**NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
AND MENTAL HYGIENE**  
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
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**LAST THURSDAY’S PESTICIDE SPRAYING HAS BEEN  
RESCHEDULED FOR THIS THURSDAY, JULY 27**

*Pesticide from trucks in Queens and Staten Island will be sprayed to reduce risk of West Nile virus*

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

**July 25, 2017** – Last Thursday’s pesticide spraying had to be rescheduled because of inclement weather. The Health Department will now spray pesticide from trucks in parts of Staten Island and Queens on **Thursday, July 27 between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. the following morning**, weather permitting. In case of bad weather, application will be delayed until Monday, July 31 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 and Queens 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 in New York City since 1999.

**Locations of truck spraying in Staten Island and Queens to reduce risk of West Nile virus**

<b>Borough</b>	<b>Neighborhoods</b>	<b>Boundaries</b>	<b>Zip Codes</b>
<b>Queens</b>	Part of Astoria, Ditmars, East Elmhurst, Jackson Heights, Steinway, Sunnyside Gardens, Woodside	Bordered by 43 <sup>rd</sup> Street, Astoria Boulevard, 35 <sup>th</sup> Street to the West; 20 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, 75 <sup>th</sup> Street, Grand Central Parkway to the North; 92 <sup>nd</sup> Street to the East; and 32 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Brooklyn Queens Expressway and Northern Boulevard to the South.	Parts of 11101, 11103, 11105, 11369, 11370, 11371, 11377
<b>Staten Island</b>	Parts of Bull’s Head, Elm Park, Castleton Corners, Chelsea, Graniteville, Heartland Village, Westerleigh, and Willowbrook	Bordered by South Avenue to the West; Staten Island Expressway, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Expressway, Watchogue Road, Livermore Avenue, Forest Avenue to the North; Manor Road, Rice Avenue, Royal Oak Road to the East; and Victory Boulevard, Slosson Avenue, Staten Island Expressway, Woolley Avenue, Forest Hill Road, Rockland Avenue, Richmond Avenue, Travis Avenue to the South.	Parts of 10301, 10302, 10310, 10314

For the sprayings in Queens and Staten Island, the Health Department will use very low concentrations of Duet<sup>®</sup>. 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.

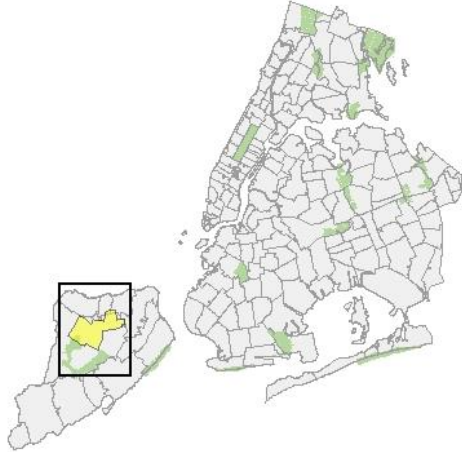
Report standing water by calling 311 or visiting [nyc.gov/health/wnv](http://nyc.gov/health/wnv).

For more information about [West Nile virus](#), call 311 or visit [nyc.gov](http://nyc.gov).

### **Maps of spray areas**

Planned Spray Areas  
Staten Island  
7/27/2017

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:  
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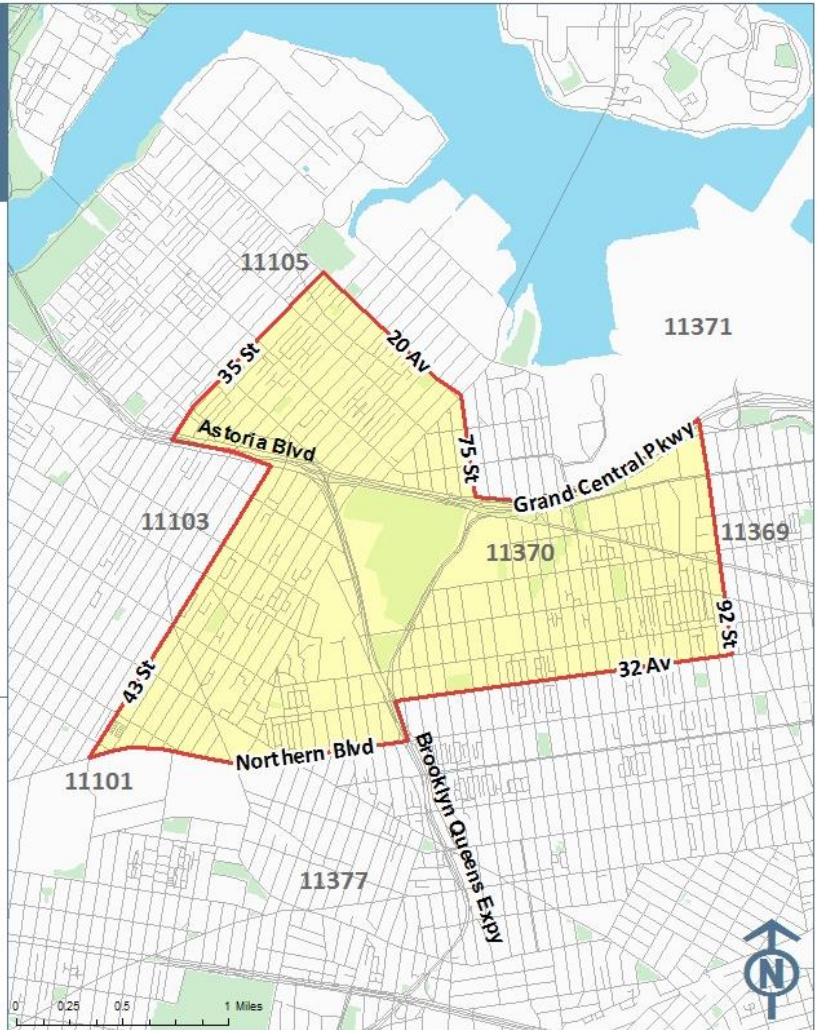


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