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

August 21, 2017 – To reduce the risk of West Nile virus, the Health Department will spray pesticide from trucks in parts of Queens on **Thursday, August 24 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 28 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 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.

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

Neighborhoods	Boundaries	Zip Codes
Parts of Astoria, Ditmars, East Elmhurst, Jackson Heights, Steinway and Woodside	Bordered by 43 rd Street, Astoria Boulevard and 35 th Street to the West; 20 th Avenue, 75 th Street and Grand Central Parkway to the North; 92 nd Street to the East; and, 32 nd Avenue, Brooklyn Queens Expressway and Northern Boulevard to the South.	Parts of 11101, 11103, 11105, 11369, 11370, 11371 and 11377
Parts of Arverne, Bayswater, Edgemere, Far Rockaway and Somerville	Bordered by Amstel Boulevard and Beach 73 rd Street to the West; Jamaica Bay to the North; Hassock Street, Beach Channel Drive, Redfern Avenue, Virginia Street, Central Avenue, Virginia Street, Elvira Avenue, Reads Lane, Jarvis Court and Beach 6 th Street to the East; and, Seagirt Boulevard and Rockaway Freeway to the South	Parts of 11691 and 11692

For the sprayings in Queens, 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.

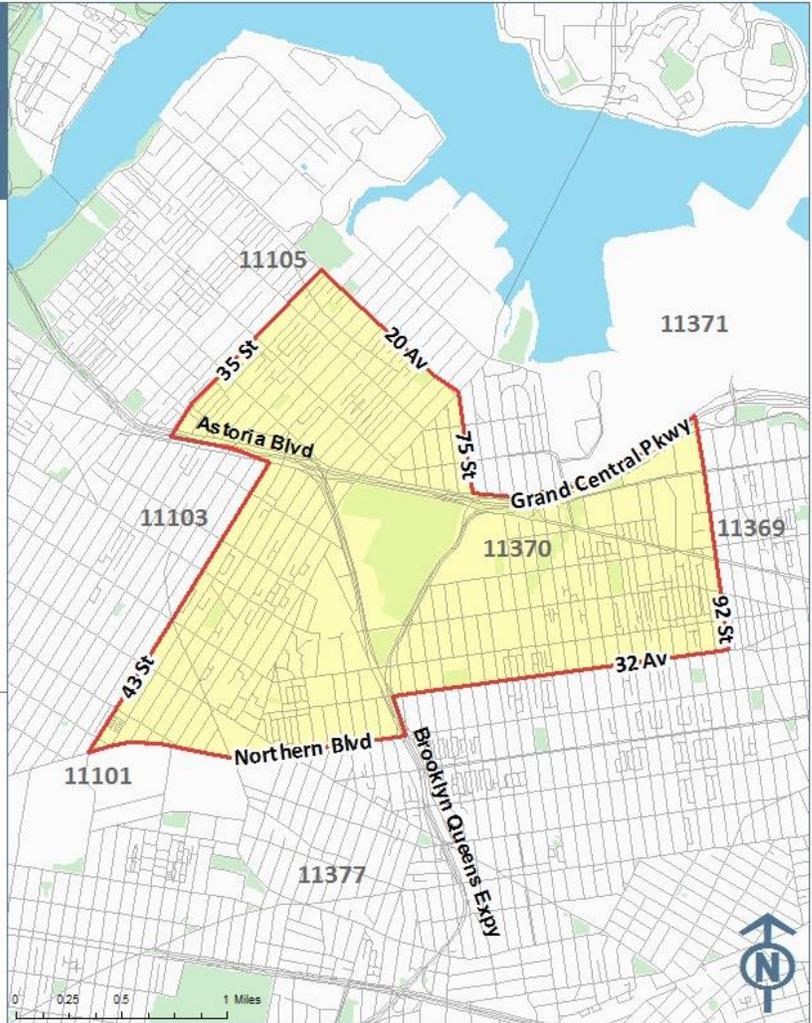
Maps of spray areas

Planned Spray Areas
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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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