



NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE

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Health Department Will Spray Pesticide to Reduce Adult Mosquito Populations

Spraying scheduled for parts of Brooklyn and Queens to help prevent West Nile Virus

August 1, 2011 - To reduce mosquito activity and the risk of West Nile Virus, the Health Department will spray pesticide from trucks in parts of Pomonok and Holliswood in Queens, and parts of Greenwood Heights, Park Slope and Windsor Terrace in Brooklyn, on **Wednesday, August 3, 2011 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 Thursday, August 4, during the same hours.

Ground-based spraying will occur in Far Rockaway on **Thursday, August 4 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 Monday, August 8, during the same hours. Recently, the Health Department received several mosquito nuisance complaints from the neighborhoods of Arverne, Somerville, Edgemere, Bayswater; Edgemere Park and Dubos Point Wildlife Sanctuary. Some mosquito breeding sites in these areas are inaccessible. The Health Department believes that the proposed nuisance ground application of adulticide will reduce the population of nuisance mosquitoes.

The areas to be treated appear below.

Locations of Application

Borough	Neighborhood	Boundaries	Zip Code
Queens	Parts of Pomonok, Queensboro Hill, Kissena Park, Murray Hill, Fresh Meadows, Flushing Cemetery and St Mary's Cemetery	Bordered by 213 rd Street, Hollis Court Boulevard and 90 th Avenue to the East; 45 th Avenue, Utopia Parkway and 53 rd Avenue to the North; 146 th Place, Laburnum Avenue and 156 Street to the West; Long Island Expressway and 188 th Street to the South	11355, 11358, 11364, 11365, 11366, 11423, 11427
Brooklyn	Greenwood Heights	Bordered by Washington Avenue to the East; 20 th Street, Prospect Park West, and Eastern Parkway to the North; 45 th Street and 5 th Avenue to the West; and Ft Hamilton Parkway and Caton Avenue to the South	11215, 11218, 11219, 11225, 11226, 11232, 11238

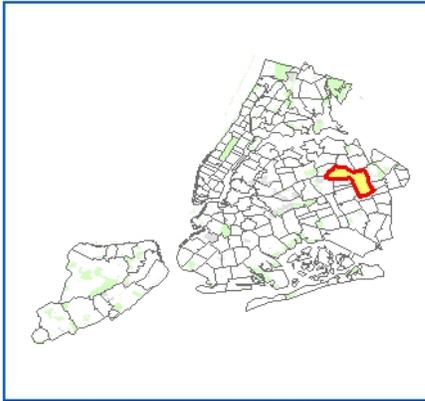
Borough	Neighborhood	Boundaries	Zip Code
Queens	Arverne/Somerville	Grass Hassock Channel and Beach 65 th Street and De Costa Avenue to the North; Beach 75 th Street to the West; Beach Channel Drive and Arverne Blvd and Rockaway Beach Blvd to the South; Beach 54 th Street to the East.	11692
	Edgemere	Almeda Avenue, Conch Basin and Norton Basin (Grass Hassock Channel) to the North; Beach 54 th Street to West; Norton Drive to the East; Rockaway Beach Blvd to the South.	11691
	Bayswater	Norton Ave and Norton Basin to the West; Mott Basin to the North; Dickens street to the East; Beach Channel Drive to the South.	11691
	Edgemere Park and Landfill	Inside the Park and Landfill	

For these sprayings, the Health Department will use a very low concentration of Anvil[®], 10 + 10, a synthetic pesticide. The use of pesticides in New York City is conducted in accordance with guidelines set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). A complete Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is available at www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/wnv/feis.shtml.

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, 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 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.

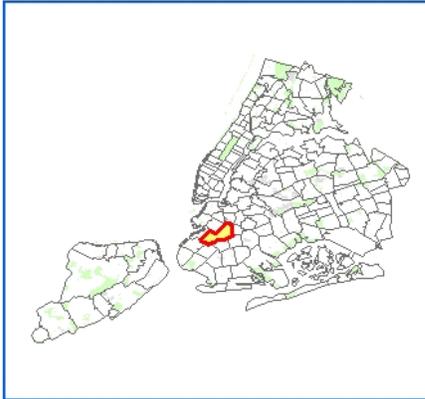
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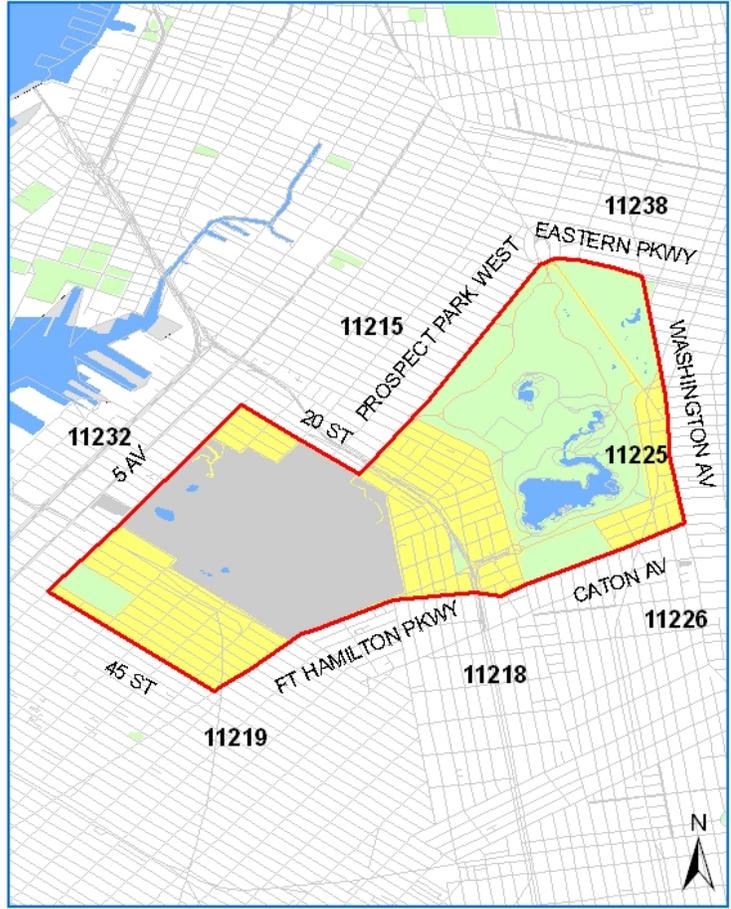

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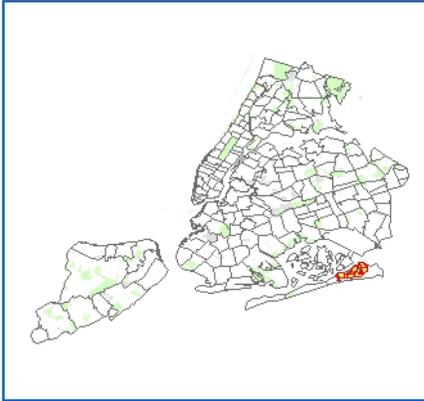
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Proposed Treatment Zone for Nuisance
Mosquito Control in the Rockaways,
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