NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE
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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 AND BROOKLYN

September 18, 2015 – To reduce mosquito activity and the risk of West Nile virus, the Health Department will spray pesticide from trucks in parts of Queens and Brooklyn on **Monday, September 21, 2015 between the hours of 8:30 p.m. and 6 a.m. the following morning**, weather permitting. In case of bad weather, application will be delayed until Monday, September 28, 2015 during the same hours. The neighborhoods listed below are being treated due to rising West Nile virus activity and have high mosquito populations.

Locations of Applications

Borough	Neighborhoods	Boundaries	Zip Codes
Queens	Parts of Astoria, Ditrmars, Steinway and Woodside	Bordered by 20th Avenue and 35th Street to the North; 28th Avenue, 43rd Street and Newtown Road to the West; Broadway and Northern Boulevard to the South; Brooklyn-Queens Expressway (278), 30th Avenue, 78th Street, Astoria Boulevard, and 75th Street to the East	Parts of 11103, 11105, 11370, 11377
	Parts of Blissville, Elmhurst, Sunnyside, Maspeth, Middle Village, West Maspeth, Ridgewood, and Woodside	Bordered by Queens Boulevard and Thomson Avenue to the North, 29th Street and Dutch Kills to the West; The LIRR and Metropolitan Avenue to the South; and Rail Road to the East	Parts of 11101, 11104, 11373, 11377,11378, 11379
	Parts of Forest Park, Richmond Hill, and Woodhaven	Bordered by Metropolitan Avenue, Union Turnpike, and Myrtle Avenue to the North; Forest Park Dr., Park Lane S, and 88th Street to the West; 101st Avenue to the South; 104th Street, Jamaica Avenue, 115th Street, and Park Lane S to the East	Parts of 11385, 11416, 11418, 11421
Brooklyn	Parts of Boerum Hill, Cobble Hill, Downtown Brooklyn, Fort Greene	Bordered by Brooklyn Queens Expressway and Tillary Street to the North; Jay Street and Smith Street to the West; Degraw St., 5th Avenue, and Atlantic Avenue to the South; Vanderbilt Avenue to the East	Parts of 11201, 11205, 11238, 11231

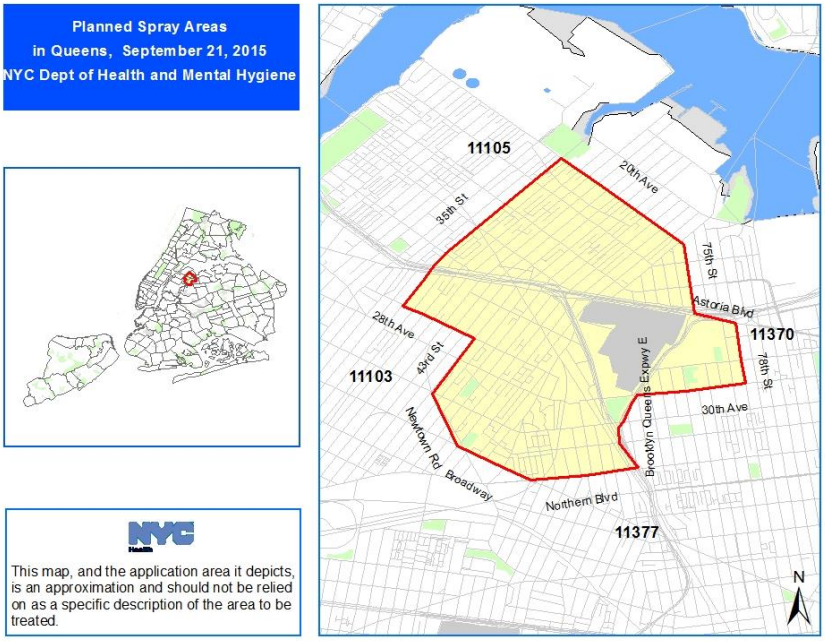
For these sprayings, the Health Department will use a very low concentration of Anvil® 10+10, a synthetic pesticide. When properly used, this product poses no significant risks to human health. The Health Department recommends that people **take the following precautions to minimize direct exposure**:

- 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 limiting time outdoors between dusk and dawn in areas with significant mosquito infestations.
- Wear protective clothing when outdoors, and use an approved insect repellent containing picaridin, DEET, 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.

Maps Depicting Specific Areas for Pesticide Application



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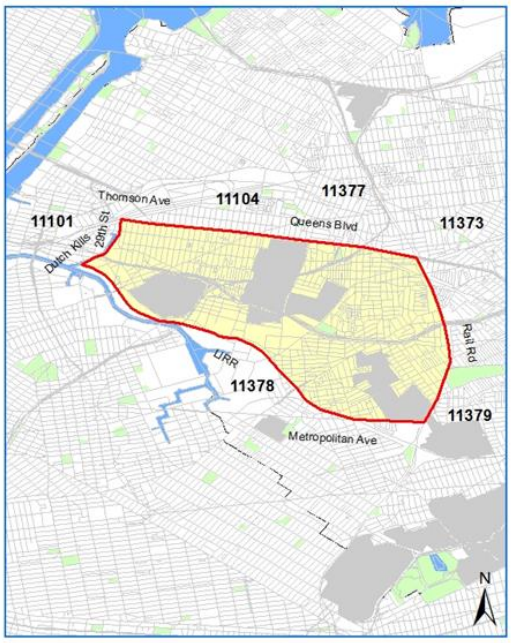

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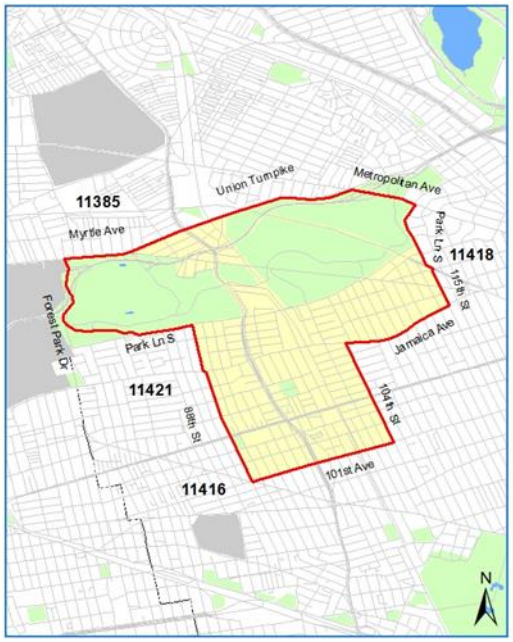

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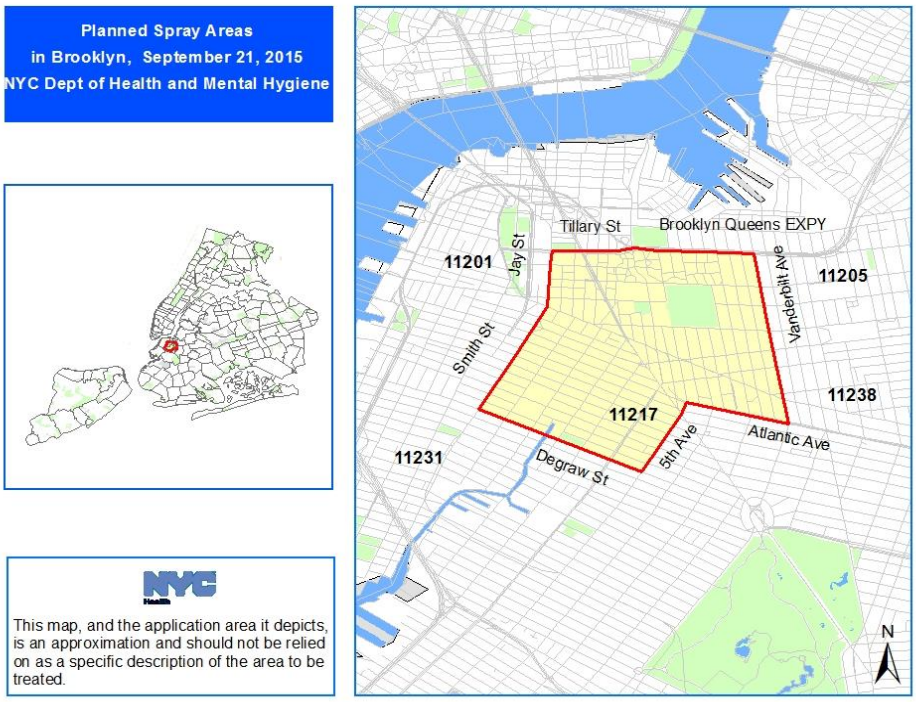

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