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**Nassau County Ground Treatment By Truck For West Nile Virus Rescheduled For
Thursday, August 14th**

**Mineola, NY –** Based on the current forecast of rain, the ground treatment by truck for West Nile virus has been rescheduled from Tuesday, August 12 to Thursday, August 14, 2014.

Weather permitting the current schedule for ground treatment by truck is as follows:

**August 14th,** 8 PM through 4 AM –Sections of New Cassel, Salisbury, Westbury, East Meadow, Hicksville and Levittown.

**Treatment Area:**

North of Hempstead Turnpike

 South of Portions of Maple, Union, Prospect Avenues and Old County Road

 East of Post Avenue/Merrick Avenue

 West of Jerusalem Avenue

Maps of the areas to be treated can be found on the Department of Health web site at:  [**http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/Health/index.html**](http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/Health/index.html)

**When**: Weather permitting; the planned schedule for ground treatment will be on Thursday, August 12th beginning at 8 PM and ending no later than 4 AM.

 **What**: Scourge is a pesticide containing resmethrin and piperonyl butoxide. Resmethrin is a man-made pyrethroid insecticide that can also be found in other pesticide products used indoors and on pets to control ticks and other insects, such as fleas and ants. Piperonyl butoxide does not directly kill insects on its own, but acts to increase the ability of resmethrin to kill insects. These active ingredients are dissolved in a petroleum solvent.

**Health Effects**: The chance of experiencing any health effects from the use of Scourge to control mosquitoes is quite low. As with any pesticide, individuals may want to reduce or eliminate exposure.

**To Reduce Exposure**: The US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYDEC) do not require relocating or taking special precautions during mosquito control treatment. Individuals, especially pregnant women and children, should remain inside during the treatment and for about 30 minutes afterwards. In addition, individuals may minimize exposure by:

* Keeping windows and doors shut, setting air conditioners to re-circulate if able. Turn window fans off.
* Keeping children's toys indoors.
* Keeping pets indoors, as well as their food, water dishes and toys.
* Covering fishponds during the spray period.

Since the effects of the ground treatment dissipate in a few hours, it is not necessary to wash off outdoor furniture or playground equipment before use, although doing so will not diminish the effectiveness of the pesticide applied.

**For additional information**: Please call the West Nile Virus Treatment Hotline at 1-888-694-9836 on the days that treatment is scheduled between the hours of 9:00 AM through 11:00 PM. You may also visit the Nassau County Department of Health website at:  [**http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/Health/index.html**](http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/Health/index.html)

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