

FROM THE VILLAGE OF OCEAN BEACH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

The Suffolk County Vector Control Program will be carrying out ground spraying in 2014 for larval and adult mosquito control. Vectobac and Altosid (methoprene) will be used. For questions, call Suffolk County VECTOR Control Spraying Hotline at 631-852-4939 (not the Ocean Beach Village Office).

Per the New York State Department of Health and the Suffolk County Department of Vector Control, steps can be taken to reduce potential exposures to pesticides before, during and after spraying:

- Children and pregnant women should take care to avoid exposure when practical.
- If possible, remain inside or avoid the area whenever spraying takes place and for about 30 minutes after spraying. That time period will greatly reduce the likelihood of your breathing pesticide in air.
- Close windows and doors and turn off window air-conditioning units or close their vents to circulate indoor air before spraying begins. Windows and air-conditioner vents can be reopened about 30 minutes after spraying.
- If you come in direct contact with a pesticide spray, protect your eyes. If you get pesticide spray in your eyes, immediately rinse them with water. Wash exposed skin. Wash clothes that come in direct contact with spray separately from other laundry.
- Consult your health care provider if you think you are experiencing health effects from spraying.

Here are other steps you may want to take:

- If spraying just occurred, minimize your contact with surfaces and wash skin that has come in contact with these surfaces.
- Before the spraying takes place, pick homegrown fruits and vegetables you expect to eat soon. Rinse homegrown fruits and vegetables (in fact, all produce) thoroughly with water before cooking or eating.
- Cover outdoor tables and play equipment before spraying or wash them off with detergent and water after they have been sprayed.
- Bring laundry and small toys inside before spraying begins (wash with detergent and water if exposed to pesticides during spraying).
- Bring pet food and water dishes inside, and cover ornamental fishponds to avoid direct exposure.

For information on the spraying schedule, the No Spray Registry, or for additional links, see <http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/PublicWorks/VectorControl.aspx> .

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