



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## West Nile Virus Detected in Staten Island Mosquitoes (Zip Code 10312) – Senator Lanza Offers Tips to Reduce Exposure

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Senator Lanza reminds Staten Islanders to take precautions in protecting themselves by reducing their exposure to mosquitoes by:

- Using an approved insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus (not for children under 3), or products that contain the active ingredient IR3535.
- Making sure windows have screens to keep mosquitoes out of your home, and repair or replace screens that have tears or holes.
- Eliminating any standing water from your property since it provides are breeding sites for mosquitoes, and dispose of containers that can collect water.
- Making sure roof gutters are clean and draining properly.
- Cleaning and chlorinating swimming pools, outdoor saunas and hot tubs. Keep them empty and covered when not in use, and drain water that collects in pool covers.
- Standing water is a violation of the New York City Health Code. You can report standing water by calling 311 or visiting [nyc.gov/health/wnv](http://nyc.gov/health/wnv).

Please review the attached West Nile virus flyer and West Nile virus map.