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## **ELM BARK BEETLE CONTROL PROGRAM BEGINS**

**Winnipeg, MB** – Beginning August 23, 2010, the City of Winnipeg Insect Control Branch will treat American Elm trees on public property utilizing Dursban Turf® - weather permitting. The program is intended to control elm bark beetles, the carriers of Dutch Elm Disease (DED).

Treatment will take place in various locations throughout the city where DED has claimed American Elm trees. Also, as a preventative measure the City treats areas with large stands of American Elms on a two year rotational basis. This year these areas include:

- Kildonan Park, Assiniboine Park, St. Vital Park, Elmwood Cemetery, Crescent Drive Park, Fraser's Grove Park and King's Park
- Boulevard trees in **portions** of Insect Management Areas 2, 5, 10, 11, 13, 14, 25, 29, 30, 32, 33 and 40.

Insect Management Area	Select Neighbourhoods
2	Kildonan Drive
5	Glen Elm
10	Central St. Boniface, North St. Boniface
11	Glenwood, Norwood East
13	Alpine Place, Elm Park, Lavalee, St. George, Varennes, Worthington
14	Kingston Crescent, Norberry, Pulberry, Victoria Crescent
25	Crescent Park, Point Road, Wildwood
29	Tuxedo
30	Central River Heights, J.B. Mitchell, South River Heights
32	Grant Park, Rockwood
33	Lord Roberts, Riverview (small portion)
40	Minto, St. Matthews

Treatment will be conducted utilizing Dursban Turf®, a chemical product, which is sprayed from portable sprayers directly onto the lower 50cm of the tree trunk. This product has been approved for use in Canada by Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency, and will be used in accordance with federally approved label directions by licensed pesticide applicators.

Spraying of trees will occur between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, weather permitting.

Interested individuals may acquire more information by contacting 311, or by visiting the City's Insect Control website at Winnipeg.ca/bugline.

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