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## Cankerworm Control Program has concluded

**Winnipeg, MB** – Today, the Insect Control Branch completed treatment of McMillan and Earl Grey neighbourhoods (Insect Management Area 32).

In response to the emergence of a cankerworm population, the Insect Control Branch undertook a localized cankerworm control program focusing on selected streets in heavily foliaged areas that were at high risk of significant leaf damage.

The majority of cankerworms have stopped feeding, thereby rendering any further spraying ineffective. Citizens will notice worms hanging from their silken webs for about another week as they prepare for their next part of their life cycle in the ground.

The Insect Control Branch would like to encourage residents to do their part by putting up tree bands this fall (September long weekend) in order to minimize next year's population of cankerworms. For information on tree banding please contact 311, or visit the City's insect control website.

Interested individuals may acquire more information by contacting 311, or by visiting the City's Insect Control <u>website</u>.

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