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Update on Insect Control Activities

Winnipeg, MB. – On August 5, 2011, the City of Winnipeg Insect Control Branch will begin treating American elm trees on public and private property, as part of the Elm Bark Control Program, utilizing Dursban Turf® (Chlorpyrifos) - **weather permitting**. Crews will be starting in River heights, IMA 31 starting 6:30 a.m. tomorrow. 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:

- Elmwood Cemetery and Wildwood Club
- Riverbank and Boulevard trees in **portions** of Insect Management Areas 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 25, 30, 31, 32, 33, 40 and 41.

Insect Management Area	Select Neighbourhoods
10	North St. Boniface, Tissot, Central St. Boniface, Dufresne, Mission Industrial
11	Glenwood, Norwood East
12	Archwood, Niakwa Park
13	Alpine Place, Lavalee
15	Niakwa Place
16	Royalwood
17	Dakota Crossing, Meadowood
19	St. Vital Perimeter South
20	Parc La Salle, Perrault, St. Norbert, Trappistes, Turnbull Drive
25	Wildwood
30	Sir John Franklin
31	Crescentwood, Wellington Crescent, North River Heights
32	Roslyn, McMillan
33	River - Osborne
40	West Wolseley
41	Armstrong Point, Wolseley, Broadway - Assiniboine

Treatment will be conducted utilizing Dursban Turf® (Chlorpyrifos), a chemical product, which is sprayed from portable sprayers directly onto the lower 50 cm 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.

Mosquito Control Program

Today, the city-wide New Jersey Light Trap count is 1. As of July 29, 2011, the Adulticiding Factor Analysis (AFA) rating dropped to low.

The dry, hot weather conditions in July have contributed to the overall success of the extensive larviciding program by the City of Winnipeg. However, the Insect Control Branch has had a substantial effect on the mosquito counts by treating all possible larval development sites in and around Winnipeg. The spring of 2011 had great potential for larval development with receding flood waters and significant rain falls, but the Insect Control Branch successfully treated all those sites and avoided a large emergence.

The City Entomologist will continue monitoring on a daily basis, and is ready to implement the range of control measures available as nuisance activity and environmental conditions vary.

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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