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Cankerworm Bulletin #3

**For Immediate Release
Friday, May 31, 2013**

Cankerworm Control Program temporarily suspended

Winnipeg, MB – Today, Friday, May 31, 2013, the City of Winnipeg's Insect Control Branch has temporarily suspended the cankerworm control program.

Yesterday evening, the Insect Control Branch could not treat due to unfavourable weather.

A Public Service Announcement indicating where the cankerworm control program will continue shall be released eight hours before the program resumes.

General Information

Treatment will be conducted using *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *kurstaki* (Btk), a biological product, which is sprayed from high pressure tree sprayers directly onto the foliage of the trees located in City parks and on City boulevards. 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 labeled directions by licensed pesticide applicators.

All buffer zones will be respected. Crews will ensure that the sprayer is not treating within 30 metres on each side of a registered property on the front street, side street, and rear lane.

Property owners not wanting insecticides applied on or adjacent to their principle residence may register as "Anti-Pesticide Registrants" for the cankerworm control programs. Those who wish to register must provide identification that ties the registrant to the address being registered for a buffer zone. A photocopy or scanned document such as a driver's licence or a utility bill will suffice as acceptable identification proving primary residence.

There are four different options to register:

- In writing to Insect Control Branch at 3 Grey Street, R2L 1V2,
- Emailing 311 at 311@winnipeg.ca or faxing 311, and
- In person at 1539 Waverley Street.

Personal notification by telephone and/or email of the cankerworm programs activities is also available by:

- Contacting the Insect Control Branch in writing at 3 Grey Street, R2L 1V2,
- Emailing 311@winnipeg.ca or faxing 311,
- [Registering online](#), and
- In person at 1539 Waverley Street.

Interested individuals may acquire more information by contacting 311, or by visiting the City's Insect Control [website](#).

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