

Elm Bark Beetle Bulletin #5

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Elm Bark Beetle Control Program continues

Winnipeg, MB – The Public Works Department's Insect Control Branch is continuing the Elm Bark Beetle Control Program - weather permitting. The program is intended to control elm bark beetles, the carriers of Dutch Elm Disease (DED).

The Insect Control Branch has completed Insect Management Area 8.

The Elm Bark Beetle Control Program will continue on Tuesday August 5, 2014 in Insect Management Areas 7, 9, and 20 in the following neighbourhoods: Peguis, Regent, Meadows, Griffin, Radisson, Victoria West, Mission Gardens, St. Boniface Industrial Park, Dugald, Melrose, Transcona Yards, Transcona South, La Barriere, Parc La Salle, Perrault, Richmond Lakes, St. Norbert, Trappistes, Turnbull Drive - weather permitting. The Insect Control Branch will also be focusing on school properties in the following school divisions: Pembina Trails, Seine River, Louis Riel, Scolaire Franco-Manitobaine, and Winnipeg (south of the Assiniboine River only).

Weekly public service announcements will be issued on Fridays throughout the program indicating what Insect Management Areas the treatment will occur the following week.

Treatment will occur between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, weather permitting. Treatment will occur on an ongoing basis until fall.

General Information

Treatment will be conducted using Pyrate 480 EC® (Chlorpyrifos), a chemical product, which is sprayed from portable sprayers directly onto the lower 50 centimetres 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.

Citizens wanting personal notification by telephone and/or email of Elm Bark Beetle Control Program activities can sign up by:

- Calling 311, emailing 311@winnipeg.ca or faxing 311,
- Registering online,
- Contacting the Insect Control Branch in writing at 3 Grey Street, Winnipeg, MB R2L 1V2, or
- In person at 1539 Waverley Street.

For more information please contact 311, or visit the City's Insect Control website.

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