

Elm Bark Beetle Bulletin #1

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Elm Bark Beetle Control Program begins

Winnipeg, MB – On July 13, 2015, the City of Winnipeg's Public Works Department will begin the Elm Bark Beetle Control Program - **weather permitting**. The program is intended to control elm bark beetles, the carriers of Dutch Elm Disease (DED).

This program will focus on the north portion of the city and treat all elms in the city of Winnipeg on all public and private properties.

The Elm Bark Beetle Control Program will begin **on July 13, 2015** in **Insect Management Areas 47 and 50** in the following neighbourhoods: Inkster - Faraday, Luxton, St. John's, St. John's Park, Jefferson, Kildonan Park, and Seven Oaks - **weather permitting**.

Weekly public service announcements will be issued on Fridays throughout the program indicating which Insect Management Areas will be treated the following week.

Treatment will occur between the hours of 5:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Wednesday, weather permitting. Treatment will occur on an ongoing basis until fall.

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.

Phone and email notification

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.

More information

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

Media inquiries may be directed to the City of Winnipeg Media Inquiry Line at (204) 986-6000 or via email at MediaInquiry@winnipeg.ca

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