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Elm Bark Beetle Bulletin #9

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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 the school properties in the following school divisions: River East-Transcona, Seven Oaks, St. James-Assiniboia, and Winnipeg (north of the Assiniboine River only).

The Elm Bark Beetle Control Program will continue on August 31, 2015 in Insect Management Areas 1, 2, 50, and 51 in the following neighbourhoods: Kilcona Park, River East, Springfield North, Valhalla, Kildonan Drive, Rossmere A, Jefferson, Kildonan Park, Seven Oaks, Amber Trails, Leila North, Riverbend, Rivergrove, Rosser - Old Kildonan, and West Kildonan Industrial - **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 Friday, 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 <u>311@winnipeg.ca</u> 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.

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