

Elm Bark Beetle Bulletin #2

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Elm Bark Beetle Control Program postponed

Winnipeg, MB – The City of Winnipeg's Public Works Department has temporarily postponed the Elm Bark Beetle Control Program, which was to begin on July 13, 2015. With the significant rain received over the last 7 days, the Insect Control Branch is focusing all its resources on larviciding for mosquito control. The program will now begin on July 20, 2015. The Insect Control Branch treats the elm bark beetles, the carriers of Dutch Elm Disease (DED), from summer until late fall. This year's 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.

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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