

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 Elm Bark Beetle Control Program will continue on July 11, 2016, weather permitting, in Insect Management Areas 25, and 41 in the following neighbourhoods: Beaumont, Crescent Park, Maybank, Parker, Point Road, Wildwood, Armstrong Point, Broadway - Assiniboine, Legislature, Portage & Main, South Portage, The Forks, West Broadway, and Wolseley. 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 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

The Insect Control Branch offers an automated telephone and email notification system. Residents who register for this service will receive phone or email notifications of all Elm Bark Beetle Control Program activities. To register for the automated email or telephone notification systems, citizens can go to City of Winnipeg - Register for Notification or call 311.

More information

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

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