

Elm Bark Beetle Bulletin #15

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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 was able to complete treatment in IMA 33.

The Elm Bark Beetle Control Program will continue on September 26, 2016, weather permitting, in Insect Management Areas 19, 20, 31, and 40 in the following neighbourhoods: St. Vital Perimeter South, La Barriere, Parc La Salle, Perrault, Richmond Lakes, St. Norbert, Trappistes, Turnbull Drive, Crescentwood, North River Heights, Wellington Crescent, Kensington, Minto, Polo Park, St. Matthews, West Wolseley. The Insect Control Branch will also be treating La Barriere Park and Camp Amisk. The program is intended to control elm bark beetles, the carriers of Dutch Elm Disease (DED).

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

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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