

Elm Bark Beetle Bulletin #9

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Elm Bark Beetle Control Program Temporarily Suspended

Winnipeg, MB – The City of Winnipeg's Public Works Department has temporarily suspended the Elm Bark Beetle Control Program for one week, July 17-21, 2017. 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 continue on July 24, 2017. 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 during all elm bark beetle control programs. 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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