

## **INFORMATION - COMMUNIQUÉ**

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## Elm Bark Beetle Control Program Commences

**Winnipeg, MB** – On Monday, September 10, 2018, the City of Winnipeg is commencing 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 begin in <u>Insect Management Area 20</u> (La Barriere, Parc La Salle, Perrault, Richmond Lakes, St. Norbert, Trappistes, Turnbull Drive) and <u>Insect Management Area 21</u> (Agassiz, Cloutier Drive, Fort Richmond, Montcalm, University), 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 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.

## **Register for notification**

Residents can register for email notification regarding the elm bark beetle control program by visiting <u>City of Winnipeg – Insect Control Register for Notification</u>. They can also register for telephone notification by contacting 311 and providing their name, address, and phone number. Once registered, residents will receive automated phone or email notification identifying the area(s) of the city in which the Insect Control crews are intending to work, weather permitting.

## More information

For more information please contact 311, or visit: <u>City of Winnipeg - Insect Control</u>.

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