

## **INFORMATION - COMMUNIQUÉ**

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## **Elm Bark Beetle Control Program Commences**

**Winnipeg, MB** – On Tuesday, September 3, 2019, 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 Insect Management Areas 39 (Brooklands, Sargent Park, St. James Industrial), 40 (Kensington, Minto, Polo Park, St. Matthews, West Wolseley), 41 (Armstrong Point, Broadway - Assiniboine, Legislature, Portage & Main, South Portage, The Forks, West Broadway, Wolseley) and 42 (Central Park, Colony, Daniel McIntyre, Portage - Ellice, Spence, West Alexander), 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**

The Insect Control Branch offers an automated telephone and email notification system. Residents who register for this service will receive daily phone or email notifications for elm bark beetle control activities. To register for the automated email or telephone notification system, residents can go to <u>City of Winnipeg – Register for Notification</u> or <u>contact 311</u>.

## More information

For more information, contact 311 or see: City of Winnipeg - Insect Control

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