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Insect Control Update #3

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) treatment program commences

Winnipeg, MB – On Monday, June 15, 2020 weather permitting, the City of Winnipeg's Insect Control Branch will commence its Emerald Ash Borer treatment program in **Insect Management Areas 5 (Chalmers), 6 (East Elmwood, Munroe East), 9 (Mission Gardens), 10 (Central St. Boniface, Dufresne, North St. Boniface, Tissot), 11 (Glenwood, Norwood East, Norwood West), 12 (Archwood, Niakwa Park, Windsor Park), 13 (Elm Park, St. George, Varennes), 14 (Norberry, Pulberry), 15 (Niakwa Place, Southdale), 17 (Meadowood), 25 (Point Road), 32 (Earl Grey, Ebby-Wentworth, McMillan), 33 (Lord Roberts, River - Osborne, Riverview), 41 (Armstrong Point, Broadway - Assiniboine, Legislature, South Portage, West Broadway), 42 (Central Park, Portage - Ellice, Spence), and 46 (Centennial, Civic Centre, Exchange District, North Point Douglas).**

It is anticipated that all of Winnipeg's Ash trees will eventually succumb to EAB over the next ten to twenty years. Only healthy ash trees are being treated. The objective of these treatments is to temporarily preserve this portion of our urban canopy to allow the City to proactively manage Ash tree removals that will eventually be required to protect public safety.

"It's important to be proactive in slowing the mortality of our ash trees. We are selecting the best of the ash trees on public property for these injections, so we get the best value out of the treatments", says Kerienne La France, Supervisor of Urban Forestry Technical Services.

For the third straight year, the City intends to inject ash trees with insecticides capable of killing Emerald Ash Borer larvae inside the trunks. "Winnipeg's character and identity are largely shaped by our urban forest and the detection of this new invasive species has placed our urban forest under even greater threat."

Treatment will occur between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, weather permitting. Treatment will occur on an ongoing basis until late July, utilizing the

insecticides TreeAzin® (azadirachtin) or IMA-jet® (imidacloprid) which is injected directly into ash trees located on City property. Only ash trees selected for treatment by the Urban Forestry Branch based on predetermined criteria will be treated. These products have 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 City offers an automated telephone and email notification system. Residents who register for this service will receive daily phone or email notifications for tree pest control activities. To register for the automated email or telephone notifications, residents can go to [City of Winnipeg – Register for Notification](#) or [contact 311](#).

More information

For more information, contact 311 or visit the City's [Insect Control website](#).

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