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Spiny Elm Caterpillar control program has concluded

Winnipeg, MB – Yesterday, Tuesday, July 17, 2012, the City of Winnipeg's Insect Control Branch completed the spiny elm caterpillar control program.

Tree spraying was carried out in **Insect Management Areas (IMA) 16 (Royalwood and Sage Creek neighbourhoods) IMA 22 (Waverley West and Bridgwater Forest neighbourhoods) IMA 7 (Meadows neighbourhood).**

Treatment was conducted using *Bacillus thuringiensis var. kurstaki* (Btk), a biological, organic product, which is sprayed from high pressure tree sprayers directly onto the foliage of the trees. Once Btk is ingested by Spiny Elm Caterpillar, they stop feeding and die approximately two to three days later.

Interested individuals may acquire more information by contacting 311, or by visiting the City's [Insect Control website](#).

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