

INFORMATION - COMMUNIQUÉ

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Elm Bark Beetle Control Program Begins

Winnipeg, MB – The City's Elm Bark Beetle Control Program will begin Monday, August 31, 2020, weather permitting.

The program intends to prevent the spread of Dutch Elm Disease (DED) by controlling the beetles that carry the disease.

It will begin in Insect Management Areas 25 (Beaumont, Crescent Park, Maybank, Parker, Point Road, Wildwood), 31 (Crescentwood, North River Heights, Wellington Crescent), 33 (Lord Roberts, River-Osborne, Riverview), and 47 (Inkster-Faraday, Luxton, St. John's, St. John's Park).

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 6:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, weather permitting.

Treatment will be conducted using Pyrate 480 EC® (chlorpyrifos), a chemical product sprayed 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 City 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. Residents can register for notification online or by contacting 311.

More information

For more information, contact 311 or visit the City's Insect Control website.

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