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ELM BARK BEETLE CONTROL PROGRAM

Winnipeg, MB – During the next six weeks, beginning September 2, 2008, crews will treat boulevard American elm trees on private and public property along the riverbank of the Red River in the following areas: Kildonan Park and Golf Course, Whittier Park, Maple Grove Park, St Vital Park and Cemetery, King's Park, Crescent Drive Park and Golf Course, University of Manitoba riverbank as well as the East and West sides of the Seine River from the Red River to the South Perimeter. In addition, the program will include Oakenwald School, Wildwood Park (West of Wildwood St) as well as the riverbank properties from Wildwood Golf Course to Crane Ave.

Spraying of trees will occur between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, weather permitting.

The program is intended to control elm bark beetles, the carriers of Dutch Elm Disease, through the treatment of American elm trees. Treatment will be conducted utilizing Dursban Turf®, a chemical product, which is sprayed from portable sprayers directly onto the lower 50cm 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.

Information is also available by visiting the web site at Winnipeg.ca/bugline or by calling the Bugline at 986-3210.

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