



INFORMATION - COMMUNIQUÉ

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Cankerworm Control Program continues in selected areas

Winnipeg, MB – Today, Thursday, May 24, 2012, weather permitting; the City of Winnipeg's Insect Control Branch will continue its cankerworm control program.

Yesterday evening, the Insect Control Branch treated Kildonan Park and portions of the Seven Oaks neighbourhood. Starting at **9:30 p.m. today, May 24, 2012**, crews will continue treatment in the **Jefferson and Seven Oaks neighbourhoods (Insect Management Area 50)** and start treatment in **Insect Management Area 5 (Chalmers and Glen Elm neighbourhoods, and Elmwood Cemetery)**, weather permitting. Spraying will not occur if there is significant rainfall or winds are greater than 20 kmph.

General Information

Treatment will be conducted utilizing Btk, a biological product, which is sprayed from high pressure tree sprayers directly onto the foliage of the trees located in City parks and on City boulevards. 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 labeled directions by licensed pesticide applicators.

Citizens may register for a 30m buffer zone for cankerworm control with Btk or a 90m buffer zone for adult nuisance mosquito control if they do not wish spraying to be carried out on or adjacent to their property. Those who wish to register must provide identification that ties the registrant to the address being registered for a buffer zone. A photocopy or scanned document like a driver's licence or utility bill will suffice as acceptable identification proving primary residence. There are four different options to register: in writing to Insect Control Branch at 3 Grey Street, R2L 1V2, by faxing or e-mailing 311, or in person at 1539 Waverley Street.

Citizens may register for email notification regarding planned tree spraying by visiting our [website](#). They can also register for telephone notification by calling or faxing 311 and providing their name, address and phone number. Once registered, residents will receive automated phone or email notification identifying the area(s) of the City in which the Insect Control Crews are intending to work, weather permitting.

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

Media inquiries may be directed to the City of Winnipeg Media Inquiry Line at (204) 986-6000 or via email at MediaInquiry@winnipeg.ca.