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GYPSY MOTH MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Winnipeg, MB – The second aerial application for the Gypsy Moth Management program was completed this morning Friday, June 1, 2012.

On Monday, June 4, 2012, the third of three applications for gypsy moth management by The Province of Manitoba and the City of Winnipeg will occur, in order to prevent the spread of the gypsy moth. The province and the city will be using Foray 48B, (*Bacillus thuringiensis var. kurstaki* or Btk) control product.

Starting at 5:00 a.m. **Monday, June 4, 2012**, a small, low flying airplane will disperse the organic, biological control product, in portions of **Insect Management Area (IMA) 14, weather permitting**. Treatment will be in portions of Minnetonka and Pulberry neighbourhoods including St. Vital Park. Buffer zones will not be respected.

Treatment will be conducted utilising Foray 48B, an organic, biological (*Bacillus thuringiensis var. kurstaki* or Btk) control product, to manage the gypsy moths. This product is approved for residential use by Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency, and will be used in accordance with federally approved label directions by licensed pesticide applicators. Foray 48B is also certified for organic food production by Organic Materials Review Institute.

Weather permitting, the Monday, June 4, 2012 treatment will conclude the 2012 gypsy moth management program.

Public Service Announcements will be issued if this treatment is postponed and when the program is completed for 2012.

For up to date information on the status of the three aerial applications, please visit http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/forestry/health/gypsy-moth_program_2012_activity.html or call (204) 793-2987. Further updates will be made on this website as they become available.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/plaveg/pestrava/lymdis/tech/lymdise.shtml>;
<http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/forestry/health/gypsy-moth.html>;
www.winnipeg.ca/publicworks/bugline/insect_information/gypsy_moth.stm

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