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GYPSY MOTH MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Winnipeg, MB – Beginning May 22, 2012, the first 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 the Foray 48B (*Bacillus thuringiensis kurstaki* or Btk) control product.

Starting at 5 a.m. Tuesday May 22, 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 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 a licensed aerial applicator. Foray 48B is also certified for organic food production by the Organic Materials Review Institute.

Three separate flights are required to effectively remove gypsy moth from the affected area. These flights will occur between 5 a.m. and 7:30 a.m., **weather permitting**, in late May through late June, 2012.

Public Service Announcements will be issued before all treatments, if a 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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