



# INFORMATION - COMMUNIQUÉ

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## Forest tent caterpillar control program continues

**Winnipeg, MB** – Today, May 21, 2017 weather permitting, the City of Winnipeg's Insect Control Branch will continue its forest tent caterpillar control program. Treatment did not occur last night due to forecasted showers.

Starting at **9:30 p.m. today, May 21, 2017** crews will continue treatment in **Insect Management Areas 1 (Kilcona Park, River East, Springfield North, Valhalla) and begin treatment in 45 (Burrows Central, Robertson, William Whyte), 48 (Inkster Gardens, Mandalay West, The Maples) and 49 (Garden City, Leila - McPhillips Triangle, Margaret Park, Templeton – Sinclair)**. Spraying will not occur if there is significant rainfall or winds are greater than 20 km/hr.

**Please note that no treatments will occur on Monday, May 22, 2017, due to the statutory holiday.**

Treatment will be conducted utilizing *Bacillus thuringiensis var. kurstaki* (Btk), a biological, organic product which is sprayed from high pressure tree sprayers directly onto the foliage of the trees located in City parks and on City boulevards. Once Btk is ingested by forest tent caterpillars, they stop feeding and perish approximately two to three days later. 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.

### **Buffer zones**

All buffer zones will be respected. Crews will ensure that the sprayer is not treating within 30 metres on each side of a registered property on the front street, side street, and rear lane.

Residents can apply for a 30-metre buffer zone in order to exempt their property during a forest tent caterpillar treatment program. Property owners not wanting insecticides applied on or adjacent to their principal residence may register as "Anti-Pesticide Registrants" for forest tent caterpillar control using Btk (*Bacillus thuringiensis* subspecies *kurstaki*). 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, Manitoba Hydro, MTS or other 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, Winnipeg, MB R2L 1V2,
- Emailing 311 at [311@winnipeg.ca](mailto:311@winnipeg.ca)
- Faxing 311, and
- In person at 1539 Waverley Street.

A 72-hour turnaround time is required for processing.

### **Email notification**

Citizens may register for email notification regarding adult mosquito and/or tree pest caterpillar control programs by visiting [City of Winnipeg – Insect Control Register for Notification](#). They can also register for telephone notification by calling 311 and leaving 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.

### **More information**

For more information contact 311, or visit [City of Winnipeg – Forest Tent Caterpillars](#).

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