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ELM BARK BEETLE CONTROL PROGRAM EXPANDED

Winnipeg, MB – On Friday, September 21, 2007, weather permitting, the City of Winnipeg's Insect Control Branch will expand its elm bark beetle control program to include American elm trees on city boulevards. Crews have been spraying American elm trees along the Seine River and high priority areas along the Red and Assiniboine Rivers.

Over the next three weeks, crews will treat boulevard American elm trees in high priority areas along certain streets in Insect Management Areas 10, 11, 29, 30, 31, 33, 40, 47, and 50. Spraying of trees will occur between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

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

Please refer to the back of the 2007 telephone white pages or visit our website at Winnipeg.ca/bugline for a map of the Insect Management Areas.

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