



# INFORMATION – COMMUNIQUÉ

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**For Immediate Release  
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## **City Continues Extensive Larviciding and Cankerworm Control Program**

### ***Nuisance Mosquito Control Program***

#### ***Larviciding***

After conducting a successful spring larviciding program, the Insect Control Branch is continuing its aggressive larviciding program. The weather conditions have allowed both ground crews and helicopters to make excellent progress in carrying out larviciding within both Winnipeg and the surrounding 10km area.

#### ***Adulticiding Factor Analysis***

Today the city-wide Adulticiding Factor Analysis (AFA) rating is Medium. With an AFA of Medium, the Insect Control Branch will begin residual treatments where there are localized emergencies of adult mosquito populations on City of Winnipeg property such as parks. Residual treatments, utilizing permethrins, an environmentally friendly product made from the chrysanthemum flower, will be applied directly to localized areas of long grass, bushes and shrubs where adult mosquitoes rest during the day.

Adult nuisance mosquito traps will now be monitored 7 days per week in response to a gradual increase in adult mosquito numbers. The AFA rating, including information on nuisance mosquito trap counts, as well as other AFA factors, is updated daily and is available at [Winnipeg.ca/bugline](http://Winnipeg.ca/bugline).

### ***HELP FIGHT THE BITE***

The City is strongly encouraging property owners to also help “Fight the Bite” as 50 percent of standing water sites are located on private property. Homeowners can take one of the following steps to eliminate standing water on their properties:

- **Dump It!** - containers
- **Drain It!** - eavestroughing or unused containers
- **Cover It!** - rain water collection containers

- **Fill It!** - low-lying areas
- **Treat It!** - biological larvicide

## ***Cankerworm Control Program***

### ***Areas Completed***

As of this week, citizens are now seeing significant defoliation on trees that contain cankerworms. Spraying is continuing in areas with significant larval populations. Over the past three weeks, the program has completed treatment in City parks and cemeteries, and in Insect Management Areas 1, 2, 25, 31, 33, 41, 45 and 47 (map attached).

### ***Continuing Treatment***

Treatment is occurring from 10:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m., weather permitting. Spraying will not occur if there is significant rainfall or winds are greater than 20 km/h.

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.

It is anticipated that the program will last for approximately 1-2 more weeks when the cankerworms will stop feeding and prepare for their next stage of life, known as the pupa stage. Webbing and browning of the leaf veins are usually good indicators when spraying is no longer effective

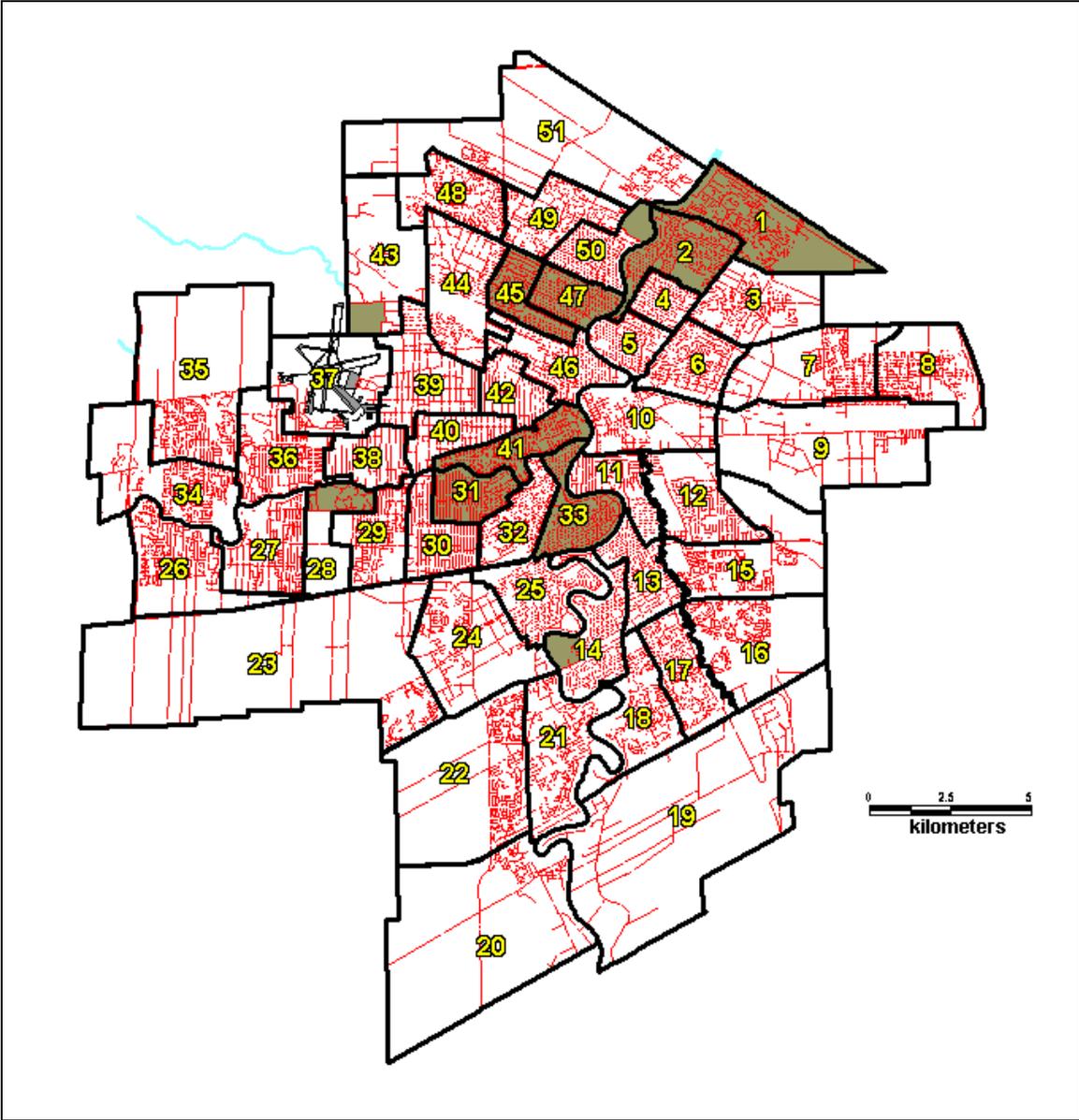
A Public Service Announcement will be issued daily providing information on what Insect Management Area of the city will be sprayed that night. This announcement will also be posted on the Insect Control website at [Winnipeg.ca/bugline](http://Winnipeg.ca/bugline).

Interested individuals may acquire more information by contacting 311, or by visiting the City's Insect Control website at [Winnipeg.ca/bugline](http://Winnipeg.ca/bugline).

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

# Cankerworm Control Program Progress

As of June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009



 Areas Treated to Date