



## Tree pest caterpillar control program continues

We will continue our tree pest caterpillar control program Monday night at 8:30 p.m. in Insect Management Areas 31 (Crescentwood, North River Heights) and 30 (Central River Heights, South River Heights). Last Friday night, we completed treatment in Insect Management Area 25 (Crescent Park, Point Road, Wildwood). We expect to spray on weekdays for the next three weeks. We will only spray if weather conditions allow.

We apply *Bacillus thuringiensis* subspecies *kurstaki* (Btk), a biological, organic product from high-pressure sprayers directly onto the foliage of the trees. Once Btk is ingested by the tree pest caterpillars, they stop feeding and die approximately 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

Buffer zones make it so we can't apply Btk within 30 metres of a specific property.

Residents can apply for a buffer zone adjacent to their principal residence. Applications must include a letter and photo ID linking you to the address in question. They can be submitted:

- Via an [online service request](#)
- By emailing [311@winnipeg.ca](mailto:311@winnipeg.ca)
- By fax to 311
- In writing to the Insect Control Branch at 3 Grey Street, Winnipeg MB R2L 1V2
- In-person at [1539 Waverley St.](#)

We require a minimum 72-hour turnaround time.

**Register for notification**

We provide an automated daily telephone and email notification system for insect control activities. Residents can [register online](#) or by [contacting 311](#).

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