



INFORMATION – COMMUNIQUÉ

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Cankerworm Control Program Concludes Tonight

Starting at 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 26, crews will continue treatment in Insect Management Areas 30 and 31 focusing on selected streets in heavily foliated areas that are at risk of significant leaf damage. This includes the following neighborhoods:

Insect Management Areas	Neighborhoods
30	Central River Heights, J.B. Mitchell, Mathers, Sir John Franklin, South River Heights
31	Crescentwood, North River Heights, Wellington Crescent

After this evening's treatment, the City of Winnipeg's Cankerworm Control Program will conclude for the year.

The majority of cankerworms will be no longer feeding, thereby rendering any further spraying ineffective. Citizens will continue to notice worms hanging from their silken webs for about another week as they prepare for their next part of their life cycle. The branch would like to remind residents to put up their tree bands again this fall in order to minimize next year's population of cankerworms.

Please refer to the back of the 2008 MTS white pages or visit our website at Winnipeg.ca/bugline for a map of the Insect Management Areas.

Spraying will occur seven nights per week, 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.

Interested individuals may acquire more information by contacting the City's Bugline at 986-3210, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or by visiting the City's Insect Control website at Winnipeg.ca/bugline.

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