

Tree pest caterpillar control program suspended

The City of Winnipeg is temporarily suspending its tree pest caterpillar control program to focus on mosquito larviciding. Yesterday evening, the Insect Control Branch continued treatment in Insect Management Area 21 (Fort Richmond). We will advise where the tree pest caterpillar control program will resume eight hours before treatment is anticipated to begin.

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 to exempt their property during the tree pest caterpillar treatment program. Property owners not wanting insecticides applied on or adjacent to their principal residence may register as "Anti-Pesticide Registrants" for tree pest caterpillar control using Btk. Those who want to register must provide identification that ties the registrant to the address being registered for a buffer zone. A photocopy or scanned document such as a driver's licence or utility bill will suffice as acceptable identification proving primary residence.

Buffer zone applications must be received through one of the following options:

- 311 online service request
- Email 311@winnipeg.ca
- Fax 311
- In writing to the Insect Control Branch at 3 Grey St., Winnipeg MB R2L 1V2
- In-person at 1539 Waverley St.

Register for notification

The Insect Control Branch offers an automated telephone and email notification system. Residents who register for this service will receive daily phone or email notifications for all tree pest caterpillar control activities. Residents can register for <u>notification online</u> or by <u>contacting 311</u>.

More information

For more information, contact 311or visit the City's <u>Insect Control website</u>.