



2009 PINE BEETLE TREATMENT PROGRAM

The District of Sparwood's 2009 Pine Beetle program is underway. The program has been in place since 2003 and will continue each year while the beetle is active. Contractors will be removing infested trees, both red and green attack, as well as dangerous trees and snags. For the most part, the trees to be removed have been marked with spray paint, however, some infected trees may not have been evident when the survey was done last year and those trees will also be removed.

The District will be treating all municipally owned land, and we continue to survey all our lands and treat as required. Most of the affected areas are shown on a map posted to our website. Copies can also be picked up from the District Office and the Recreation Centre. These areas include:

- Most of the treed buffer areas around Sparwood proper;
- Area adjacent to the wood cutting enterprise on the East side of Highway #3;
- The buffer between Cypress Drive and Wildwood Drive in Sparwood Heights;
- The buffer between Pinyon Road and Sycamore Road in Sparwood Heights;

The District's goal is to have all the invested trees removed before the pine beetle flies in June or July. Small scale salvage techniques are being used to carefully remove the infested and dangerous trees.

To deal with the affects of the Pine Beetle, the District has commissioned a Landscape Plan, to survey the status of all our parks, greenbelts, buffer strips and forest areas. Once the survey is completed, the public will be encouraged to assist with the assessment of Sparwood's parks and greenbelts, and to participate in the final plans for these areas. Please watch for advertisements on how to take part in this process.

If you have any questions on the Pine Beetle removal, feel free to contact Danny Dwyer at 250 425-6271. If you want more information on the Landscape Plan, or want to be notified of upcoming open houses on the topic, please contact Gary Walker at 250 425-0552.

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