



SASKATCHEWAN DUTCH ELM DISEASE ASSOCIATION

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It is almost time to Prune!

The pruning ban for elms ends today. Starting **September 1**, homeowners can start pruning their elms.

While pruning may cost a little, remember that this investment may save your elm from Dutch elm disease (DED). The native elm bark beetle that carries the fungus responsible for causing DED, breeds in dead & dying elm branches. If you remove this breeding material, the beetle is **less likely to be attracted to your yard** and fewer beetles are likely to hatch. A well-pruned tree is healthier and less liable to contract the disease.

Be sure to dispose of the elm wood promptly and properly. **It is illegal to store, or transport elm wood.** Check with your local municipality for the closest elm disposal site. Elm wood should be either **burned or buried to a minimum depth of 25 centimetres.**

As specialized equipment is usually necessary to properly prune mature elms, we recommend that you use a professional tree pruner, such as someone with ISA certification.

For more information call 1-800-SASKELM (1-800-727-5356).

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