



SASKATCHEWAN DUTCH ELM DISEASE ASSOCIATION

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Don't give Dutch Elm Disease a Ride!

Another long weekend is upon us and people will be heading to the park might decide to through some firewood in the trunk. This one simple act could result in the death of every American elm in their community if the firewood they are carrying is elm wood infected with Dutch elm disease (DED).

The problem is that elm wood can be a breeding site for the native elm bark beetle. A single two-foot elm log can produce up to 1800 elm bark beetles, the insect that carries the deadly DED fungus. For this reason it is illegal to transport or store elm wood of any kind. Elm wood brought from infected areas of the province can spread the disease quickly to uninfected areas. All elm wood must be disposed of promptly at designated disposal sites.

For help in identifying elm firewood, or to find out more about preventing Dutch Elm Disease call 1-800-SASKELM (1-800-727-5356). With your help DED can be prevented!!

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