



Saskatchewan
Dutch Elm Disease Association

BACKGROUNDER: SASKATCHEWAN DUTCH ELM DISEASE ASSOCIATION

Who are we?

Saskatchewan Dutch Elm Disease Association (SDEDA) is a non-profit, charitable association whose mandate is to preserve Saskatchewan's American elm. SDEDA educates the public through trade shows, tree planting events, and a very popular education program called "There's a Fungus Among Us". Since 1994, SDEDA has been an advisory body to the Dutch Elm Disease Program in Saskatchewan.

How serious is Dutch Elm Disease in Saskatchewan?

An elm infected by Dutch Elm Disease can die in as little as 3 weeks. Dutch Elm Disease can be found as many as 40 municipalities in Saskatchewan, and without proper management Dutch Elm Disease will continue to spread throughout the province.



Photo: A street prior to, and after a DED infection

Who are our members?

Concerned individuals, organizations, and municipalities support SDEDA. Currently, SDEDA has over 100 members province-wide.

Our successes

- After much hard work, SK now has Dutch Elm Disease Regulations in place to preserve American elm in Saskatchewan. Much work is still needed to educate the public so they understand and follow the new regulations.
- SDEDA has developed curriculum for children in Saskatchewan Schools called "There's a Fungus Among Us". Soon, this curriculum will be available in French.

There is still much work to be done

- Each year SDEDA holds an annual workshop to update members on the latest developments in the battle against Dutch Elm Disease.
- SDEDA travels to all corners of the province to educate the public on Dutch Elm Disease and how to prevent the spread of this disease.
- SDEDA participates in an active communications campaign through local broadcasters to inform the public on how to follow the regulations.

SDEDA would like to expand its current efforts so that every person living or visiting SK are aware of Dutch Elm Disease and how they can prevent the spread of this disease.

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