

DUTCH ELM DISEASE NOT COMING... IT'S HERE!



Do's

- ✓ Do prune dead, diseased and dying branches between September 1 and March 31 of any year.
- ✓ Do dispose of elm pruning and tree removals at the landfill.
- ✓ Do sterilize pruning tools between trees with methyl hydrate (gas line antifreeze) or bleach.
- ✓ Do make proper pruning cuts. There is a natural collar joining the branch to the tree, cut just on the outside of the collar. This means the cut will not be totally flush or have a large stub.
- ✓ Do learn to identify elm trees by their leaves and bark.
- ✓ Do know the symptoms of Dutch Elm Disease and report suspect trees to the town office (697-2815).
- ✓ Do keep trees healthy by regular watering, fertilizing and pruning.
- ✓ Do permit the town spray methoxychlor or chlorpyrifos (according to label directions) for elm bark beetles control in spring and fall.
- ✓ Do clean infected wounds thoroughly to reduce spread of infection.
- ✓ Do remove broken limbs before they break off and tear.

Don'ts

- ✗ Don't prune elms between April 1st and August 31st of any year. Provincial Regulations prohibit this.
- ✗ Don't store or transport elm wood - it can harbour the beetles which could spread Dutch Elm Disease. Provincial Regulations prohibit it.
- ✗ Don't make improper pruning cuts. Leaving stubs creates dead wood and flush cuts don't heal properly.
- ✗ Don't tear branches off. Remove by cutting.
- ✗ Don't damage tree trunks with a lawnmower or other equipment.
- ✗ Don't leave broken branches hanging on trees.
- ✗ Don't take our elm trees for granted.