



March 30, 2026

Attn: Landowners and Property Managers in Port Coquitlam
Re: Request to treat turf areas and high-risk landscape beds for *Popillia japonica*, Japanese Beetle

We are reaching out to request your cooperation in a critical initiative to address the ongoing issue of *Popillia japonica*, commonly known as Japanese Beetle. This invasive pest was first detected in Vancouver, B.C in 2017, and poses a significant threat to both urban and rural environments. The larvae feed on the roots of turfgrass, while the adult beetles can consume the leaves of over 300 species of plants. This has far-reaching consequences for our local ecosystems, agriculture, and the economy.

Since 2018 the British Columbia Ministry of Agriculture and Food has led a coordinated effort to eradicate *P. japonica* in the province. Thanks to the collective effort of various government agencies and partners, we have seen a significant reduction of beetle populations in some affected areas. While this is a notable success, unfortunately *P. japonica* is still present in Port Coquitlam, and we are asking for your support in continuing this important work.

As part of this effort, we are asking private landowners with properties located in the 2026 Port Coquitlam Treatment Areas to give permission for treatment on their property, at no cost to themselves, by certified applicators.

The treatment will be completed using Acelepryn, a larvicide registered for this use by Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency. The product is applied to turf grass areas by licensed professionals and is responsible for the ongoing success of the eradication program. The larvicide targets root-eating grubs of *P. japonica*, and will not harm people, pets, mammals, birds, bees, butterflies or other wildlife. Only one application is required per year, between April 15 and July 15, before the soil dries out. The costs of this treatment will be covered by the B.C. government and project partners. One treatment will also occur this summer on city-owned parks, medians, road allowances, and boulevards within the treatment area.

If you have received this letter and your property is located within the 2026 Port Coquitlam Treatment Areas (see next pages), we kindly ask that you allow for this no-cost treatment. If you are currently working with a landscaper, please coordinate with them to ensure the treatment is carried out during the designated period. **If not, please watch for a notice from our landscape applicator partners, Bartlett Tree Experts and Para Space Landscaping, who will be offering this service free of charge.**

The response to *Popillia japonica* is a coordinated effort between the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, the B.C. Government, impacted municipal governments, the Invasive Species Council of British Columbia and the B.C. Landscape and Nursery Association. More information about Japanese Beetle can be found at:

www.gov.bc.ca/japanesebeetle and

<https://www.portcoquitlam.ca/city-services/pets-wildlife/japanese-beetle-treatment/>.

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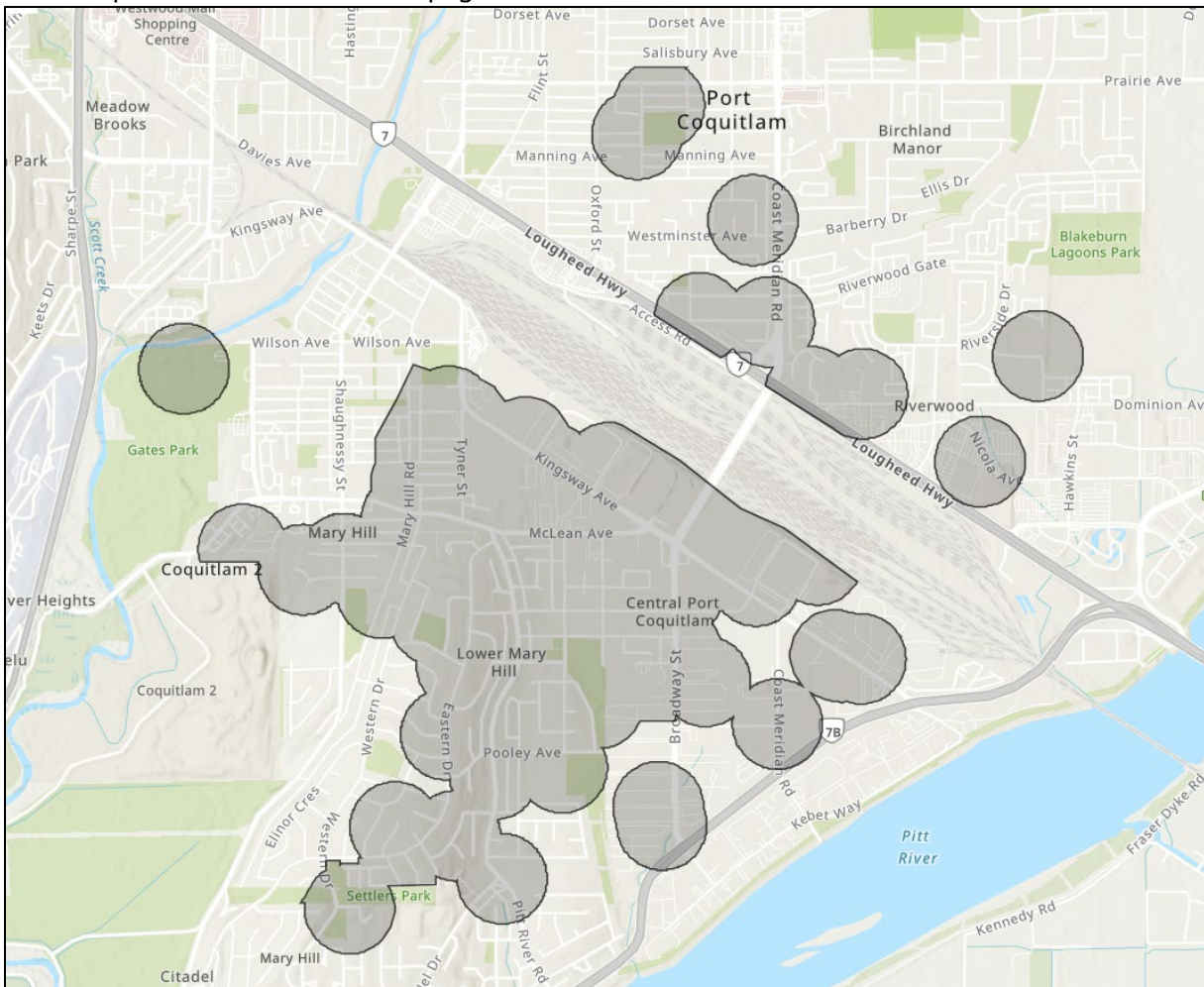
Please note that during this process, the contracted applicator companies will be collecting personal information to arrange for treatment on affected properties. This information is collected in accordance with the British Columbia **Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)**, which governs the collection, use, retention, disclosure and protection of personal information. Specifically, your personal information will be used in accordance with **Section 33 of FIPPA**, which permits the use of personal information for the delivery of services or programs.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at Tracy.Hueppelsheuser@gov.bc.ca or 778-666-0519. Thank you for considering this request.

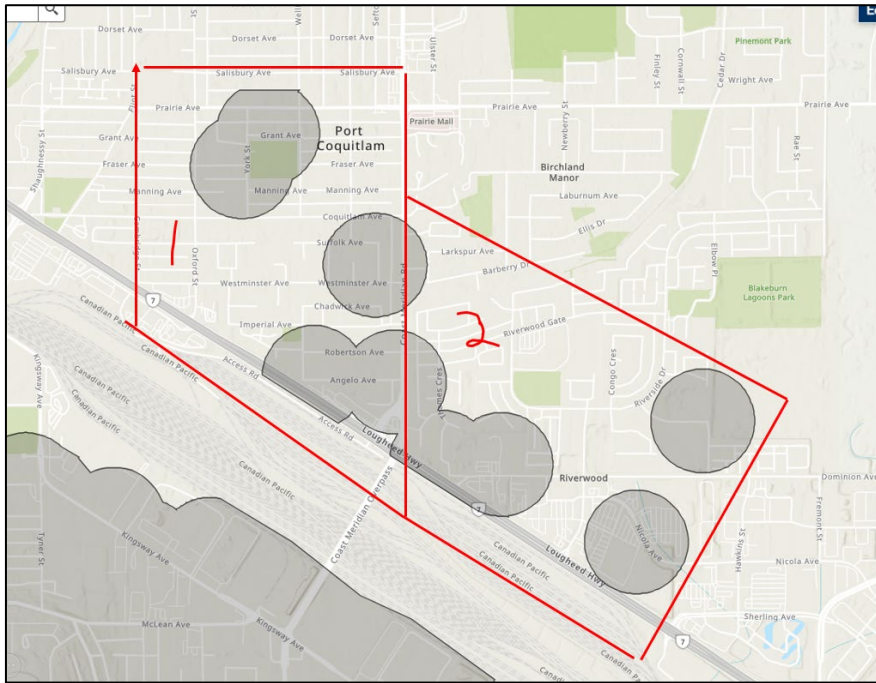
Sincerely,

Tracy Hueppelsheuser, Director of Plant Health

2026 Port Coquitlam Treatment Areas: The boundaries for the treatment areas are shown by the grey lines. More detailed maps will follow on the next page.



Port Coquitlam: Areas #1 and #2: (North of train tracks, divided by Coast Meridian Road).



Contact Bartlett Tree Experts for treatments in Area #1 and #3.

- **Bartlett Tree Experts,**
- **Phone (604) 322-1375,**
- **Email:**
burnabyoffice@bartlett.com

Contact Para Space Landscaping for treatments in Area #2 and #4.

- **Para Space Landscaping,**
- **Phone (604) 291-2800,**
- **Email:**
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Port Coquitlam: Areas #3 and #4: (South of train tracks, divided by Pitt River Road).

