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Attn: Landowners and Property Managers in Vancouver

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 affected areas, including zero beetles captured in Vancouver in 2024, and only 3 beetles in 2025. While this is a notable success, the required treatment is not finished in Vancouver, 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 Vancouver Treatment Area 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, roadsides, and boulevards within the treatment area.

If you have received this letter and your property is located within the 2026 Vancouver Treatment Areas (see next page), 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 you do not have prior arrangements, please watch for a notice from our landscape applicator partner, Cutting Edge Vancouver Landscape Services (Granville Park area) or Para Space Landscaping (William Mackie Park area) 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://vancouver.ca/home-property-development/treating-city-property.aspx>.

Please note that during this process, the contracted applicator company 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,

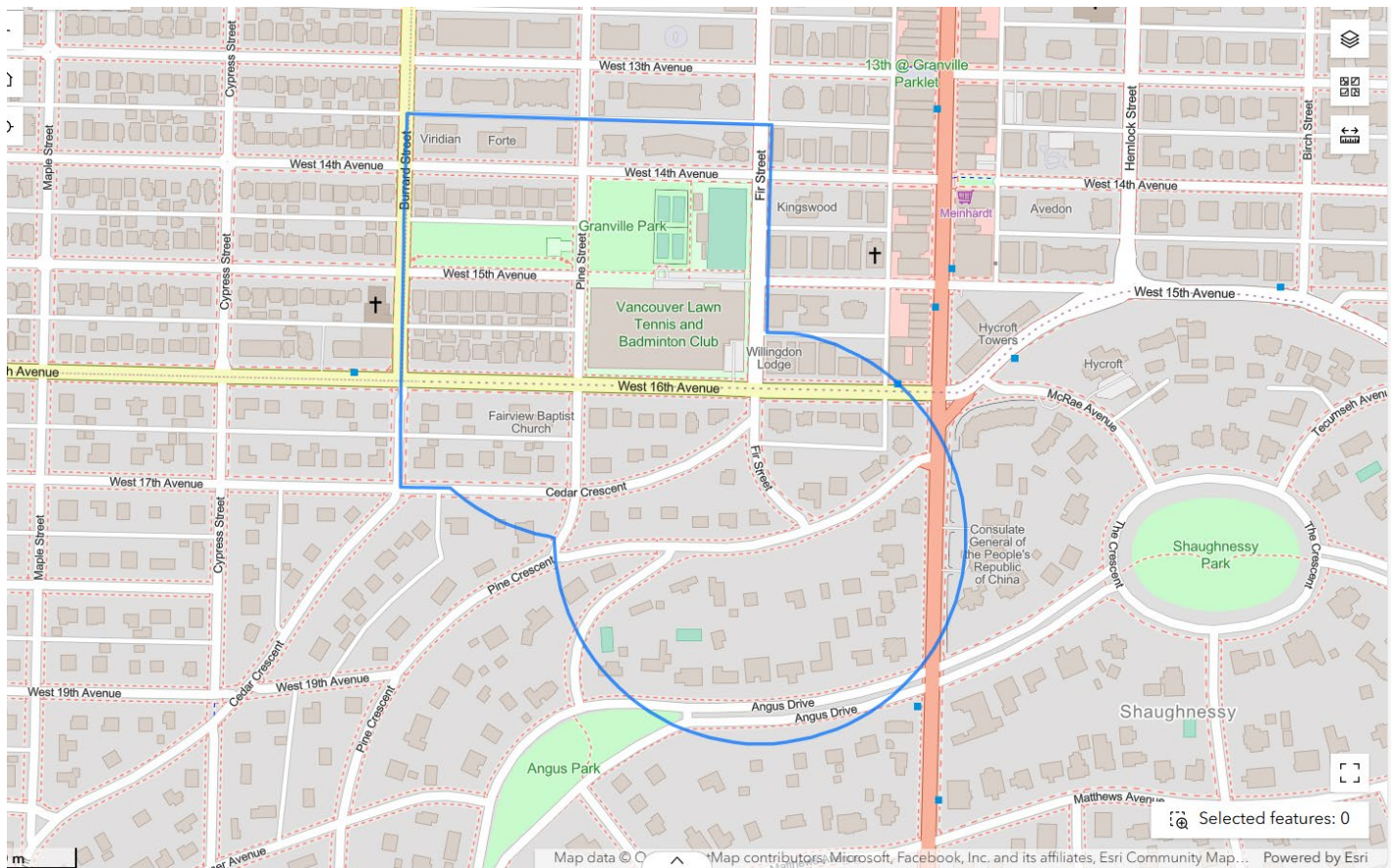


Tracy Hueppelsheuser, Director of Plant Health

2026 Vancouver Treatment Area: The boundaries for the treatment area in Vancouver is shown by the blue line.

To arrange for treatment in this area, contact:

• **Cutting Edge Vancouver Landscape Services, Phone: 604-267-1199, Email: JB@cuttingedgevancouver.com**



Added April 23, 2026:

2026 Vancouver Treatment Area, SOUTH: the boundaries for the SOUTH treatment area in Vancouver is shown by the blue line.

To arrange for treatment in Vancouver SOUTH area, contact:

- Para Space Landscaping, Phone (604) 291-2800, Email: gardening@paraspaceinc.com

