



DUTCH ELM DISEASE

Elm Firewood can be deadly! Please do not transport or store.

Just one piece of elm firewood in the trunk of your car, or stored in your back yard, could cause the death of the elm trees in a community. The storing and transportation of elm firewood is a common way to spread Dutch elm disease (DED); the beetles that carry the DED fungus can be hiding under the bark. In recent years, beetle numbers have increased. For this reason, we all need to be more vigilant in following DED prevention measures:

- **Do not** transport or store elm firewood at any time! Dispose of all elm wood by burning, chipping or burying immediately.
- **Do not** prune elm trees **between April 1-September 30**. Fresh pruning cuts can attract the beetles that spread DED and increase the chance of an infection on a healthy elm tree.

The Society to Prevent Dutch Elm Disease (STOPDED) monitors annually for elm bark beetles using pheromone baited sticky traps throughout Alberta. The responsibility and authority to prevent and control DED is mandated under the *Alberta Agricultural Pests Act*.

For more info contact the Horticulture hotline 403-995-6333 or email horticulture@okotoks.ca.

To report DED or for more information, call the STOPDED hotline at 1-877-837-ELMS or check out the web site at www.stopded.org.