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To: "Direct to Mayor and Council - DL"

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Subject: Upcoming information bulletin: Canadian Food Inspection Agency introduces new restrictions to prevent spread of invasive beetle (June 27, 2023)

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to inform you that the City will be issuing the below information bulletin on Tuesday, June 27 outlining new Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) restrictions on the movement of plant materials from the Japanese beetle (*Popillia japonica*) regulated area. Please keep this information embargoed until it goes live from the City media account on June 27.

For 2023, the Japanese beetle regulated area in Vancouver has expanded, and only plants with soil attached require a CFIA Movement Certificate year-round to leave the regulated area.

The City will be communicating to residents and landscapers regarding the movement restrictions via our waste app, social media and website.

Maria will reply with the relevant vancouver.ca link and social media links, once these are live.

Best,
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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

City of Vancouver
Information bulletin

Canadian Food Inspection Agency introduces new restrictions to prevent spread of invasive beetle

The flying season for *Popillia japonica* (Japanese beetle) is underway and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has introduced new restrictions on the movement of plant and soil materials to prevent the beetle's spread.

- The [regulated area in Vancouver](#) has expanded to include areas in the southwest (W. Boulevard to Dunbar St., W. 49 to the Fraser River) and the northeast (Clark Dr. to Commercial Dr., from E. Broadway to Burrard Inlet).
- There are new requirements for moving material out of the regulated area aimed at preventing the spread of the beetle via plants with soil or soil-related matter attached. For 2023, only plants with soil attached require a CFIA Movement Certificate year-round to leave the regulated area.

Popillia japonica was first detected in BC in the False Creek area of Vancouver in 2017. The beetle can significantly damage landscape and ornamental plants, fruit and vegetable gardens, nurseries, orchards, and crops.

Residents and landscapers are encouraged to keep soil and plant materials on-site whenever possible and continue to use their green bin for yard trimmings. If you are moving plants with soil attached out of the regulated area, contact CFIA (call 604-292-5742 or e-mail BCPF.Japanese.Beetle@inspection.gc.ca) to obtain a free Movement Certificate.

Small volumes (maximum one half pickup truck load) of plants with soil attached can be taken to the [Vancouver South Transfer Station](#) (VSTS) for disposal, accompanied by a CFIA Movement Certificate. Larger volumes of plants with soil attached must be taken to the [Vancouver Landfill](#) for burial.

Resources and more information:

- [Report suspected beetles](#) and feeding damage.
- Learn more about [CFIA movement controls](#).
- Learn more about the [City's treatment and containment plan](#).

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