



# BE ON THE ALERT!

## for **Japanese beetle**

(*Popillia japonica*)

Your help and vigilance is needed to protect our urban, park, and natural areas from damage.

### What's the Problem?

**Japanese beetle—an invasive species—was found in Vancouver in 2017, making it the first time the pest has been detected in BC.** The province and its partners are taking action to eradicate the beetle and minimize risk and impact.

The beetle feeds on the roots and leaves of grass and more than 400 plant species including roses, fruit trees, grapevines, and other landscape and food plants. The Japanese beetle has the potential to severely damage BC's green spaces and lawns, playing fields, golf courses, gardens and farms.

Japanese beetle is not a risk to human or animal health or food safety.




Adult Japanese beetle D.Cappaert



Japanese beetle damage  
S. Katovich (Bugwood.org)

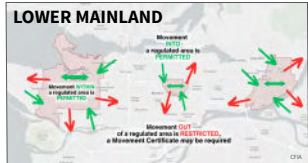
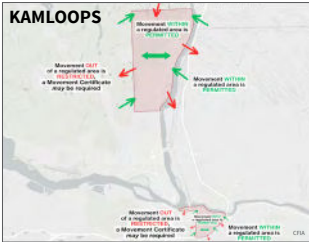
### What is Being Done?

All levels of government, businesses and local partners are working together to eliminate Japanese beetle from the Lower Mainland and Kamloops before it spreads to new areas. Actions include:

- » Increased surveillance—insect traps are located across the Cities of Burnaby, Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Vancouver, Kamloops and surrounding municipalities to detect the beetle's potential presence. You can help by reporting any 'suspicious' beetles on the **Report Invasives app** 
- » Treating known problem areas for newly hatched beetle larvae before they emerge as adult flying beetles, ready to infest new areas
- » Restricting movement of plants with soil, soil-related matter, and/or growing media attached out of 'regulated areas' to prevent human-assisted movement of the beetles to new areas
- » Providing education to local residents, visitors and businesses to help them be on the alert for the beetle and signs of its damage

# What You Should Know

Revised Japanese beetle regulated areas came into effect in 2026 and includes areas within the Cities of Burnaby, Port Coquitlam, Vancouver and Kamloops. A movement certificate issued by the CFIA is required before moving plants with soil, soil-related matter, and/or growing media attached out of a regulated area. If you are a landscaper or working on a development project, find out where and how to move your material safely.



Plants with soil, soil-related matter, and/or growing media attached cannot be moved from these areas without first consulting the CFIA.

## Who is Involved

Stopping the Japanese beetle requires cooperation at all levels. The federal government is leading on beetle surveillance; the provincial government and the Cities of Burnaby, Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Vancouver, and Kamloops are treating detection areas; and private businesses and property owners are working to protect their properties. We all have to take action to prevent the spread of Japanese beetle and protect the outdoor spaces that make BC special.

## How Can I Help?

- » Report any insects that you suspect could be Japanese beetle:

**Report Invasives app** OR **CFIA inspection.canada.ca/JB**  
or 604-292-5742



Japanese beetle trap

- » Do not move plants with soil, soil-related matter, and/or growing media attached from regulated areas
- » Moving regulated articles out of a regulated area requires a movement certificate from the CFIA. Visit [inspection.canada.ca/JB](https://inspection.canada.ca/JB)
- » Find out more by contacting the ISCBC about presentations and information available to you, your organization or strata council.

For more information on partnerships to manage Japanese beetle and other Japanese beetle-related initiatives, visit [bcinvasives.ca/JB](https://bcinvasives.ca/JB)