


Who and what is SOS Elms Coalition?

SOS Elms is a non-profit citizens' group dedicated to the preservation of American Elms in Saskatchewan. We strive to inform and involve communities and government in the active care of our elms and other urban trees.



Why worry about Dutch Elm Disease?

Dutch Elm Disease (DED) is a major threat to American Elms. This fatal disease has swept North America, killing most of the elms in its path. DED is caused by a fungus spread by elm bark beetles. It can kill a mature American Elm in as little as three weeks. Prevention is the only effective way to deal with DED. Cities such as Fredericton and Winnipeg have minimized the loss of their elms through active preventative programs.

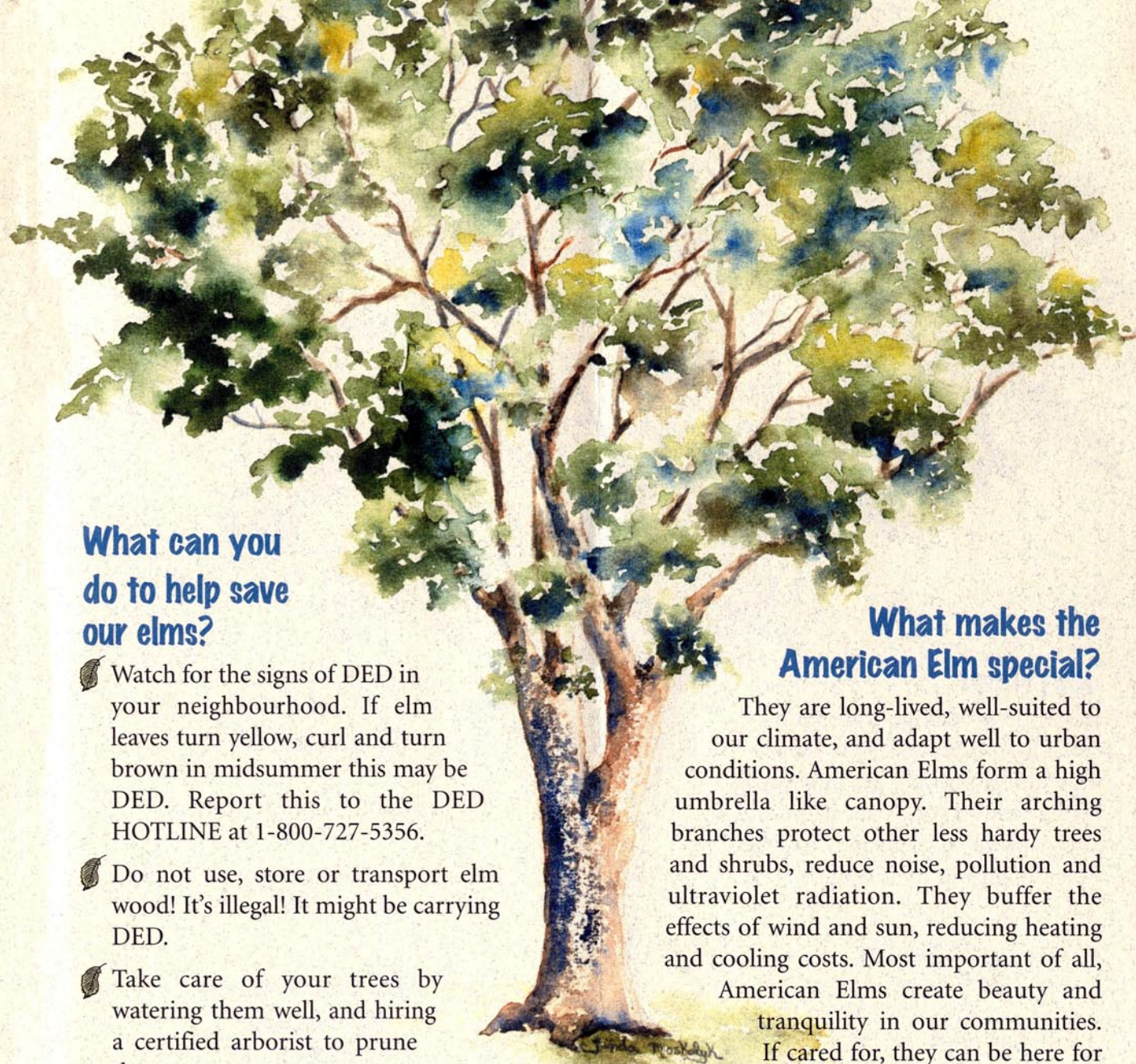


What does SOS Elms do?

- Inform and educate the public about DED
- Lobby local and provincial governments
- Encourage people to care for their trees

What can you do to help save our elms?

- Watch for the signs of DED in your neighbourhood. If elm leaves turn yellow, curl and turn brown in midsummer this may be DED. Report this to the DED HOTLINE at 1-800-727-5356.
- Do not use, store or transport elm wood! It's illegal! It might be carrying DED.
- Take care of your trees by watering them well, and hiring a certified arborist to prune them.
- Do not prune elm trees between April 1 and August 31. It's illegal! This is the period when the elm bark beetle is most active.



What makes the American Elm special?

They are long-lived, well-suited to our climate, and adapt well to urban conditions. American Elms form a high umbrella like canopy. Their arching branches protect other less hardy trees and shrubs, reduce noise, pollution and ultraviolet radiation. They buffer the effects of wind and sun, reducing heating and cooling costs. Most important of all, American Elms create beauty and tranquility in our communities. If cared for, they can be here for another 200 years or more.

We must learn to appreciate and preserve the beauty and protection that trees provide for us.