

[The Houston Chronicle breathlessly reports](#) that pine beetles have taking advantage of the dry weather recently to eat away at and kill many pine trees. It's not quite a scourge to say the least. It can clearly be seen here and there sparsely -- a totally brown dead pine tree here and there -- but it doesn't look like a wildfire has rampaged anywhere.

You can even see the green from a vantage point overlooking Memorial Park inside the loop, where I had the recent great fortune of looking at the "green sea" from a client's [17th floor skyrise condo unit](#) (breathtaking views).



Okay so that's not quite the pines view, which is on the other side of the building, but still -- there's plenty of green and you can see about a mile or so out even on a hazy day. Same is true in The Woodlands. So don't worry.

Frankly I have a couple of needle-happy pines in my yard I wouldn't mind the beetles taking out.