



Oak Wilt Prevention

What Can *You* Do to Help?

What is oak wilt?

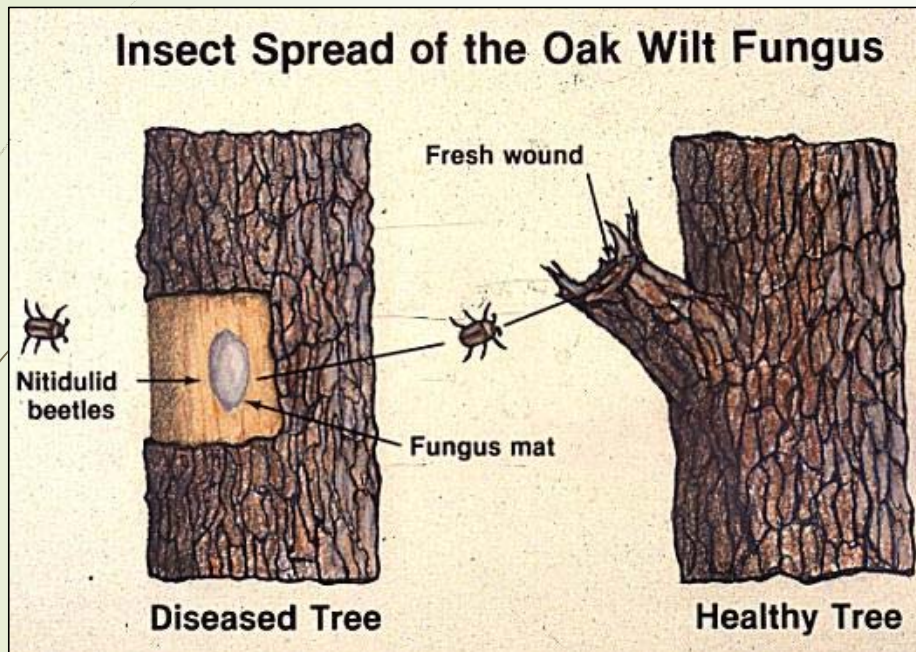


- Infectious disease caused by the fungus *Ceratocystis fagacearum*, which invades and clogs water-conducting system



- Fungal mats form beneath bark of diseased trees, producing fruity odor and attracting insects which feed on sap

How does it spread?



- Beetles and other vectors carry fungal spores from infected trees to fresh, open wounds on healthy oaks
- Tree-to-tree spread of pathogen through interconnected or grafted root systems, once an oak wilt center becomes established

Live Oak symptoms



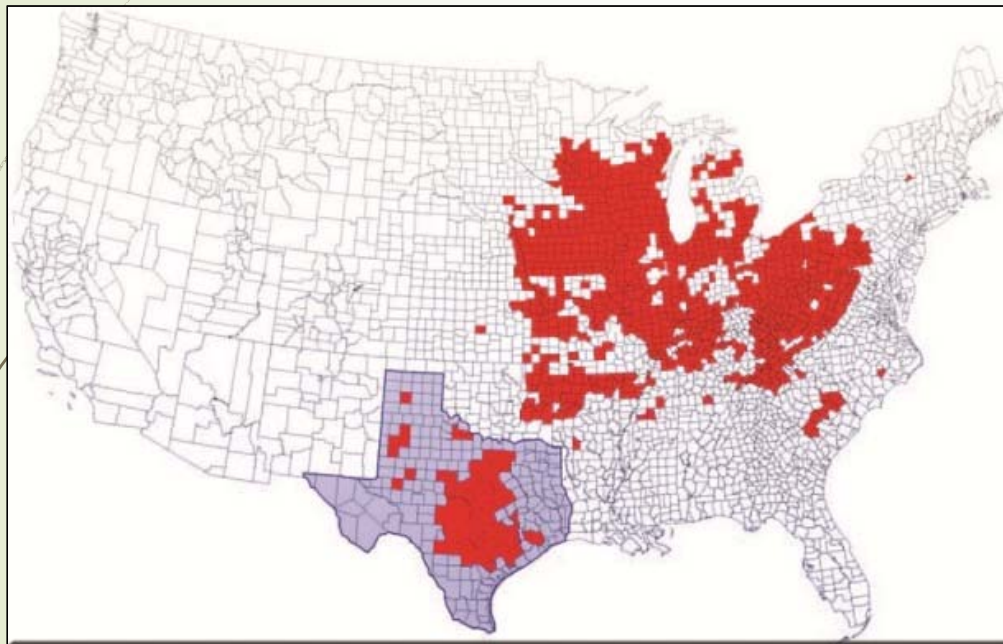
- Veinal Necrosis (brown veins)
- Leaf vein turns brown while rest of leaf remains green
- Leaves may remain on tree or fall to ground

Red Oak symptoms

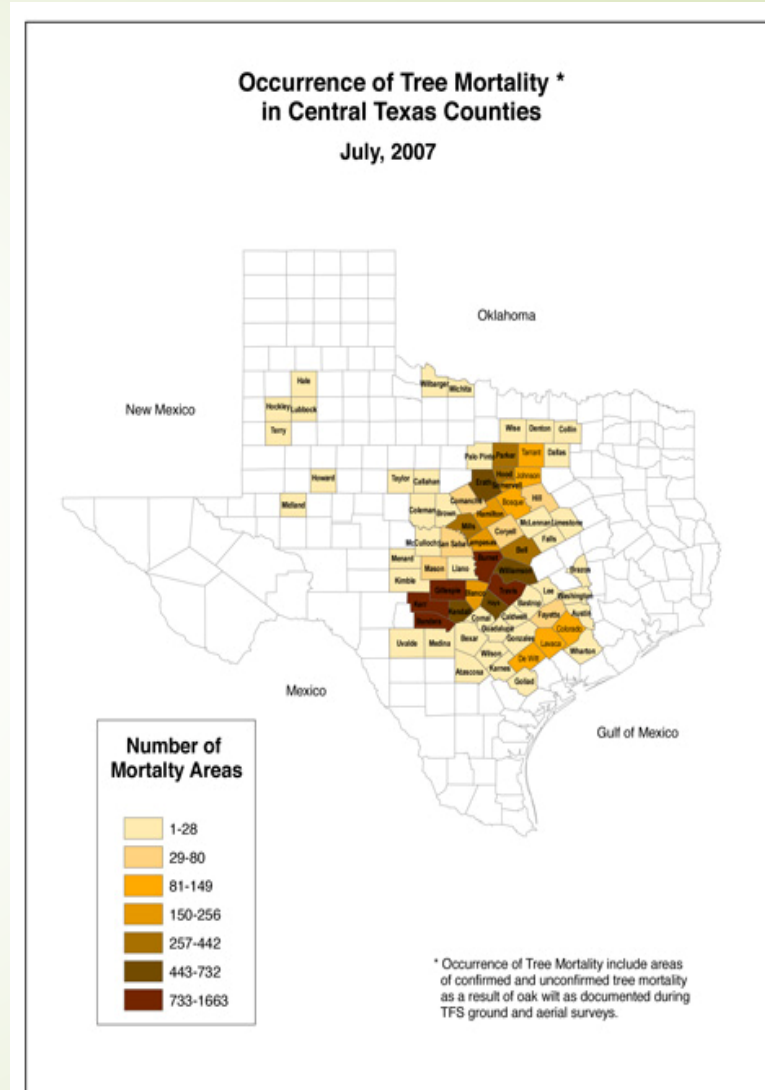


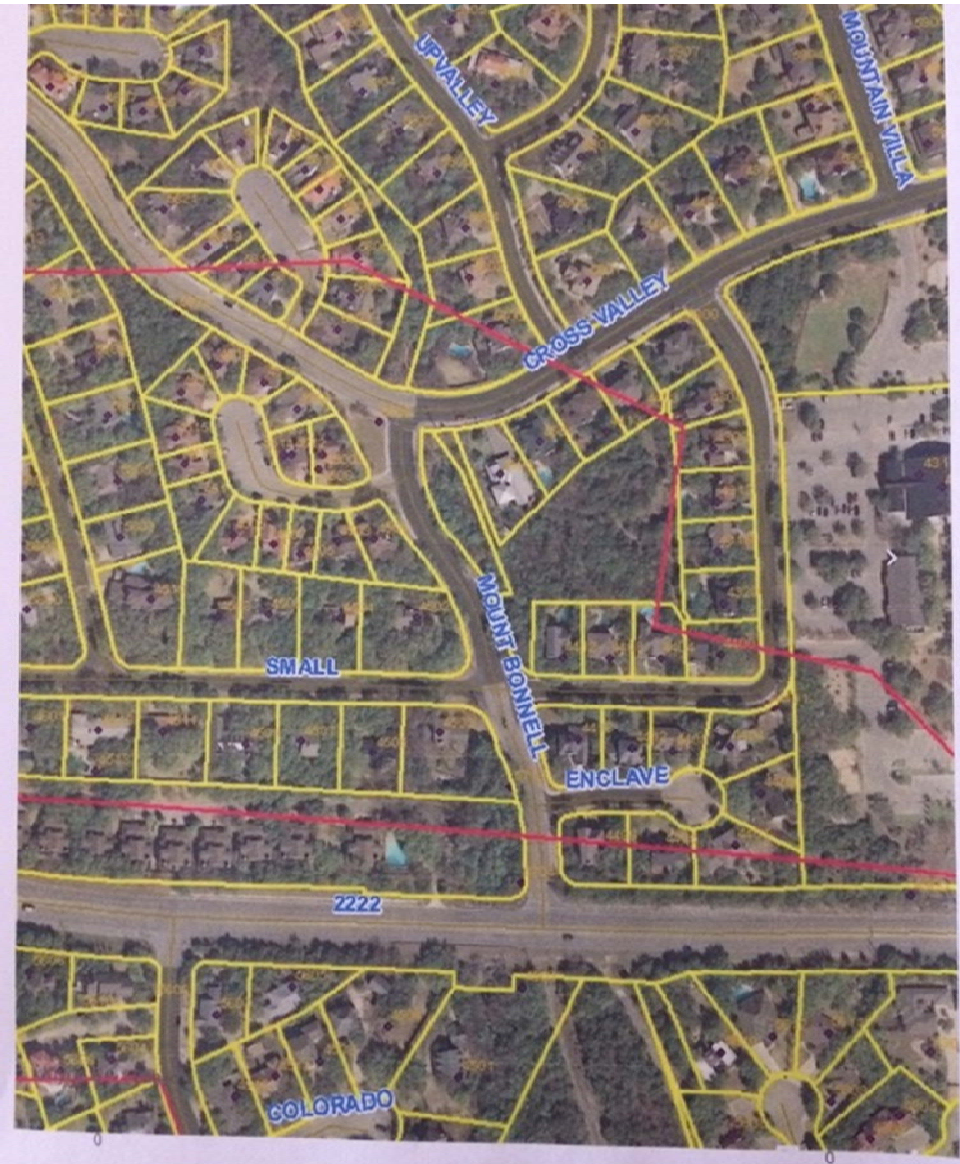
- Leaves turn pale green then brown – remain attached for weeks
- Color change can begin on one branch and quickly engulf tree
- Red Oak trees generally die within 4-6 weeks

Why does it matter?



- Most destructive disease affecting live oaks and red oaks in Central Texas









What can YOU do about it?

PREVENTION

- Resident education (Best Practices)
- Proper pruning (FEB thru JUNE)
- Proper firewood usage
- Optimize COA Impact Activities (AE pruning, SWS brush pickups)
- Plant trees other than Live Oaks or Red Oaks
- Employ Certified Arborists – also, check Better Business Bureau

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PLAN AHEAD

RESPONSE ACTION

- Trenching
- Inject Infected tree
- Remove Infected tree (especially Red Oaks)

EXPENSIVE
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Plan Ahead for Pruning

Prevent Oak Wilt

PLAN AHEAD - PRUNE

NOV thru JAN


- ***Beetles Inactive***
- ***Dormant Season***
- ***Coldest Months***

Use certified arborists



- <http://texasoakwilt.org/find-a-vendor/certified-arborists>

Learn about oak wilt and tell your neighbors

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A Message from the NWACA President

Cheri Hagle

After moving into this neighborhood almost five years ago, my family and I knew that we were home forever, which makes my newly elected position as president of NWACA all the more beyond measure. Since 1979, NWACA has served the interests of over 4000 households and I am excited to work with our board and all of our committees to continue this long history of service to this amazing community.

The people who work on the NWACA board and various committees are volunteers. There are countless hours of work that contribute to the success of the collaborative group and for that, I am thankful. As many of our former officers and board members transition out of their positions, I want to take a moment to acknowledge some of the work this group has been responsible for over the past two years. It was their leadership and vision that made all of this (and more) possible.

- participated in the transition to a Austin's new 10-1 council system, holding many candidate forums during this process
- held several board forums on issues important to our association, as well as a property tax forum
- revitalized our parks committee which led to many events and cleanup days in Allen Park, Marchionni Park, and Stillhouse Hollow Preserve
- raised money in order to secure a matching grant to improve our very own Marchionni Park
- held numerous family friendly movie nights at Marchionni Park and two of the biggest July 4th parades on record
- upgraded to a new financial accounting system and added support to accept dues and other fees with credit cards at live events
- completely rebuilt the NWACA website, including updating our logo
- moved to a new newsletter delivery model that ensures delivery to all 4560 households in our area
- moved to a new outbound email tool to replace the former yahoo group emails and added a twitter handle for NWACA (@nwaca_austin)
- advocated for the neighborhood on several zoning cases, the Overlook at Spicewood and the Austin Oaks PUD, to name a few
- started the Farrow program to help secure our neighborhood against the threat of wildlife
- organized the neighborhood watch initiative within the community, held several crime and safety seminars, and promoted National Night Out activities
- continued our campaigns against rice siting in the wrong season, to prevent the spread of Oak Wilt
- held several very successful battery, oil, paint and appliance drop-off events
- held neighborhood garage sales with extremely high levels of participation
- worked with affected residents to support changes to Type 2 STBs

As we look to 2016, there are many things the NWACA Board hopes to accomplish. The neighborhood survey performed in November will be used to provide us with our core direction; this issue provides you with an overview of the results. Stay tuned to see how you can get involved (click on the Get Involved section).

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What is NWACA?

The Northwest Austin Civic Association (NWACA) serves the area bounded by Spicewood Springs Road, RM 2222, Mopac, and Loop 800. Formed in 1979, NWACA helps to foster communication and discussion regarding broad concerns of the whole neighborhood, such as crime prevention, traffic safety, wildlife protection, elections, and zoning matters.

NWACA assumes, organizes, promotes, and enhances the exceptional and unique character of the neighborhood. That mission is carried out through a wide range of activities and services performed by an elected volunteer board and a dozen committees of volunteers. See www.nwaca.org for information on how you can get involved (click on the Get Involved section).

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**DO NOT PRUNE
OAKS
FEB thru JUNE**

Oak Wilt Carrier Beetle Peak Season



www.nwaca.org/oakwilt

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NWACA Oak Wilt Reimbursement Request

Date	
Homeowner Requesting Reimbursement	
Property Location	
Contact Information (Phone, Email)	
Oak Wilt Infection Description	
Proposed Work Description	
Vendor and Proposed Fee (if more than one, list them and indicate which was chosen)	
Requested Reimbursement (up to 40% of vendor fee, with a cap of \$1000)	



Come See Us and Ask Questions!

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