

🌲 Annual Oak Tree Reminder 🌲

Please avoid trimming or pruning oak trees from **April 15 through July 15**. During this time, sap-feeding beetles are most active and can carry oak wilt fungus from infected trees to fresh wounds on healthy trees. Even minor damage can create an entry point for infection.

Oak wilt is especially harmful to red oaks, which can decline and die quickly, while white oaks are somewhat more resistant. The disease can also spread underground through connected root systems and over longer distances when infected firewood is moved.

To help reduce risk, avoid moving firewood and pruning during between April and July, and if an oak is accidentally damaged now, seal the wound right away with paint.

If you suspect oak wilt, reach out to our District Forester, Ben Marchant, at (906) 553-7700 ex. 103 or forester.deltacd@macd.org

More information:

[Don't spread oak wilt – wait to prune!](#)

[Looking for Oak Wilt](#)

🌲 Oak Wilt Signs and Symptoms

- Discolouration of leaves beginning at the leaf margin and progressing to the midrib**
- Dark rings (vascular streaking)**
- Premature leaf fall**
- White, grey or brown fungal mats referred to as pressure pads**
- Vertical bark cracks in trunk and large branches from the fungal spore mat exerting outward pressure on the bark**
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