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Oak wilt



Oak wilt found in Canada

Oak wilt has been found in the:

- · city of Niagara Falls, Ontario (first confirmed detection of oak wilt in Canada);
- · township of Springwater, Ontario.

To help prevent the spread of this detection, movement restrictions are in place on affected properties. We are working with other federal, provincial and municipal governments to survey the areas and determine next steps.

Oak wilt is a disease caused by the fungus Bretziella fagacearum. Red oaks are particularly susceptible, resulting in tree death within a single season. Oak wilt is spread naturally through root grafts or beetles carrying fungal spores. Oak wilt does not affect human or animal health.

What you can do

- · Don't prune oak trees between April and August
- Don't move firewood
- · Report suspected signs to the CFIA
- · Check oak trees for signs of oak wilt

Signs of oak wilt

The signs of oak wilt are:

- Dull green, brown or yellow leaves
- Cracks in the trunk
- White, grey or black fungus
- · Early and sudden leaf drop









More information



