

What is oak wilt?

Oak wilt is a fungal disease that affects oak trees. As the name implies, oak wilt causes leaves of affected trees to wilt and turn brown. It is fatal for red oaks, including northern red oak, pin oak, scarlet oak and black oak. White oaks are affected but may survive.

How is oak wilt spread?

Oak wilt is spread from infected to healthy trees in two ways:

1. Through root systems from adjacent infected trees.
2. By certain kinds of beetles, which carry spores between infected trees, logs or even firewood, and fresh wounds (such as pruning cuts) on unaffected trees.

The activities of people, such as pruning during vulnerable times, or moving infected firewood, can cause new infections.

Worst times for cutting Oak April 15th –July 15th.

Safest times for cutting Oak Nov 1 – March 14.

If you have any questions, contact michiganoakwilt.org