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CITY OF WIMBERLEY OAK WILT PREVENTION POLICY

Oak wilt is an infectious disease caused by the fungus *Ceratocystis fagacearum*, which invades and disables the water-conducting system in susceptible trees. To prevent this disease and protect our City's oak trees, the City of Wimberley recommends that citizens adhere to the following guidelines when trimming and pruning oak trees of any type.

- Oak trees should not be trimmed or pruned between February 1st and June 30th except for the following reasons:
 - a. Removing hazardous limbs/trees for safety purposes or to prevent property damage.
 - b. To repair damaged limbs (from storms or other anomalies).
 - c. To remove limbs rubbing on a building or to raise low limbs over a street or driveway.
 - d. Dead branch removal where live tissue is not exposed.
- Fresh wounds on oak trees, including pruning cuts and stumps, should be painted with wound dressing or latex paint immediately after pruning.
- All pruning tools should be cleaned with 10% bleach solution or Lysol between sites or trees.
- Infected trees should be removed and immediately chipped, burned, or buried. Do not store diseased wood as firewood.

Proper pruning techniques should always be used, regardless of the time of year when trimming oaks. If you would like more information about **Oak Wilt**, please contact a Texas Oak Wilt Certified arborist or your local Texas AgriLife Extension Office.