



December 29, 2020

Re: Oak Wilt Prevention Measures

Dear Rollingwood Resident,

This letter is to inform you of a suspected oak wilt infection at 3010 Hatley Drive. We encourage you to contact an oak wilt certified arborist to advise you as to what measures, if any, should be taken now to protect your oak trees. You can find a searchable database of ISA Certified Arborists at TreesAreGood.org, and a list of Oak Wilt Certified Arborists at TexasOakWilt.org.

There are two primary ways to prevent the spread of oak wilt disease. Digging trenches at a minimum of 4 feet in depth may stop transmission of oak wilt fungus through the root system. Besides trenching, successful control of oak wilt can be accomplished through performing injections of the fungicide propiconazole (Alamo™) into individual, at-risk trees. Injections can significantly reduce tree loss, help reduce crown loss, and may extend the life of the tree. The injection process requires several steps and careful attention. It is critical that the services of a professional arborist with experience administering fungicide be employed to ensure proper treatment. Oak wilt disease spreads at an average rate of 75 feet per year, when left untreated.

Removing diseased red oaks immediately, handling firewood properly, and painting wounds immediately on healthy oak are encouraged for successful oak wilt management. When trimming your oak trees during the allowed months of July through January, equipment should be sterilized, and each cut should be painted within ten minutes of trimming. The City encourages property owners to hire a qualified contractor to conduct large scale vegetation removal and tree trimming. The City does not endorse any specific contractors. All contractors performing tree work in Rollingwood must register with the City prior to performing work.

Finally, if you are advised to perform preventive measures, or if evidence of oak wilt is found on your property, please contact the City of Rollingwood as soon as possible. Oak wilt infection centers are more easily suppressed when detected early, before they become too large.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this important matter. Please feel free to contact the City of Rollingwood at 512-327-1838 if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carrie Caylor".

Carrie Caylor
Director of Development Services

