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## *Central Texas: Top 5 Ways to Prevent Oak Wilt*

Oak Wilt, one of the most destructive tree diseases in the United States, is killing oak trees in central Texas at epidemic proportions. Managing the disease requires an integrated approach which includes proper identification, preventing new infections, stopping the spread through roots, injecting high-value oaks with fungicide and planting resistant trees.

However, it is best to combat Oak Wilt in your community by preventing new infection centers. Here are the top five best ways to prevent oak wilt:

- 1. Don't prune branches on oak trees February 1st–June 30th**
- 2. Use paint on all cuts or wounds to oak trees**
- 3. Destroy all red oaks that are dead or dying near an Oak Wilt disease center**
- 4. Don't move any firewood until it is well-seasoned**
- 5. Plant native, non-oak tree species**

For more information on the above topics, visit the following websites.

<http://texasoakwilt.org/>

<http://www.dontmovefirewood.org/>

<http://texastreeplanting.tamu.edu/>