



**PATTON TOWNSHIP
CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

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Patton Township Resident

RE: Oak Wilt

The Township has been dealing with Oak Wilt for more than 15 years throughout your neighborhood and wants to keep you informed how you can help reduce the likelihood of Oak Wilt infections and reduce the spread of the infection when they occur.

The Township has updated Ordinance Chapter 163 Trees in November 2019 to help prevent the disease. I have included a copy of the new regulations for information.

We updated our tree regulations last year and have made it a code violation to:

- 1) Trim or prune oak trees between (4/1-10/31) without sealing the cuts with a commercial tree paint or wound dressing.
- 2) Allow anyone to climb any oak tree with spurs or spikes unless the tree is being cut down.

To this date the Township has paid all costs associated with any Oak Wilt infection as long as the property owners have signed releases allowing the Township staff and Contractors to have access to their property. I wanted to clarify this as the Ordinance states the burden for the removal falls on the property owner and if the property owner fails the Township could remove the tree and lean the property for the costs.

More information regarding Oak Wilt can be found on the Township website <http://twp.patton.pa.us> or PSU extension <https://extension.psu.edu/oak-wilt>

We are more than happy to discuss any questions you have regarding Oak Wilt and the control of the infection please call 814-234-0271

Ken Soder
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