



Oak Wilt Management Incentive Program

Oak Wilt Management Program – Overview

- Fiscal Year 2023 Oak Wilt Management Program Budget: \$50,000
- Project Funding: The City of Boerne Oak Wilt Management Incentive Program is funded through the City of Boerne Tree Restoration Fund.
- Incentives are provided for individual properties within Boerne City Limits not associated with subdivision development or a commercial building permit application process
- Incentive program focuses on two categories: A) Tree Removal and B) Treatment
- Incentives are provided through a reimbursement to the applicant upon completion of work
- Each property can receive a maximum of \$3,000 in combined incentives annually
- Trees receiving therapeutic or preventative treatments are exempt from the program for 2 years from date of treatment

Oak Wilt Tree Removal Incentive

- Reimbursement of \$50 per inch of diameter removed for any symptomatic or deceased red oak species greater than 8 inches in diameter at breast height (DBH) suspected of hosting a fungal mat
- Reimbursement of \$25 per inch of diameter removed for any deceased oak species greater than 12 inches in DBH not identified as a red oak species
- Maximum of \$1,500 per property, per fiscal year, for tree removals

Oak Wilt Treatment Incentive

- Therapeutic treatment of any symptomatic oak species within Boerne City Limits not identified as a red oak variety and experiencing no more than 30% canopy loss.
- Preventative treatment of any asymptomatic oak species within 100 feet of a symptomatic tree
- Applicator Qualifications: Only treatments performed under the guidance of a degreed forester, or an Oak Wilt Qualified ISA Certified Arborist will qualify for treatment reimbursement
- Reimbursement of \$5 per inch of diameter for proper fungicide injection
- Maximum of \$1,500 per property, per fiscal year, for treatments.

Qualifying Projects: Properties located within Boerne City Limits and contains any oak species displaying symptomatic oak wilt or contains a healthy non-infected oak tree(s) within 100ft. of an oak tree diagnosed with oak wilt.

Application Review and Award Process: Properties within Boerne city limits who meet the minimum application requirements are eligible to receive reimbursement based on available funding in a given fiscal year. Priority will be given to applications that include the removal and proper disposal of symptomatic red oak species. All other applications will be reviewed and awarded in the order in which they are received.

Oak Wilt Diagnosis: A confirmed oak wilt diagnosis must be provided by a qualified applicator or lab report from an accredited plant disease diagnostic laboratory. Tree(s) must be tagged with engraved aluminum tag and tree tag number(s) included on the application.

Applicator Qualifications: Only treatments performed under the guidance of a degreed forester, or an Oak Wilt Qualified ISA Certified Arborist will qualify for the reimbursement program. Name of company and individuals performing treatment must be included on application.

Treatment Method: Macro-infusion or Hybrid Micro-Infusion of an approved fungicide for therapeutic and preventative treatments. Qualified applicators will determine fungicide type and concentration on a case-by-case basis.

Red Oak Removal and Disposal: Infected red oaks that die in late summer, fall or early winter should be cut down and burned, buried, or chipped soon after discovery and removal. Confirmation of proper disposal technique is required prior to reimbursement.

Verification of Treatment: Post-treatment report section of the application must be completed and signed by applicator prior to reimbursement. In some situations, field verification by the city Urban Forester to evaluate treatment methods or confirm of proper disposal of infected red oaks will be required prior to reimbursement.