

# Be On the Look Out

# For Oak Wilt



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test, don't guess

**The Cornell University Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic (CUPDDC) and NYS Depts. Of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and Agriculture & Markets (NYSBAM) are working in collaboration in search of the oak wilt pathogen.**

### **Disease Symptoms**

- Wilting of leaves and branches
- Marginal “scorch” on leaves
- Vascular discoloration of most recent tissue (sometimes)
- Mycelial mats under bark that give off a smell of rotting fruit

### **What should you do if you suspect a tree is infected?**

1. Visit the CUPDDC website for a description and images of oak wilt symptoms.
2. Contact your Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) office, the CUPDDC, or the NYSDEC directly with a preliminary inquiry.
3. Collect a sample or hire a trained arborist to collect one. Instructions and submission forms are also on the CUPDDC website.
4. Submit your sample with the completed submission form to your county CCE or directly to the CUPDDC.

### **Questions about sample collection?**

NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation  
Forest Pest Information Line: (866) 640-0652

NYS Dept. of Agriculture & Markets  
Phone: (518) 457-2087

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Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic  
334 Plant Science Building  
Ithaca, NY 14853  
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[www.plantclinic.cornell.edu/  
oakwiltpage.html](http://www.plantclinic.cornell.edu/oakwiltpage.html)

Information for your county  
Cornell Cooperative Extension  
office can be found at:  
[www.cce.cornell.edu](http://www.cce.cornell.edu)

