

Thank you for reaching out regarding your Oregon white oak (*Quercus garryana*) tree. The presence of Mediterranean oak borer (MOB; *Xyleborus monographus*) in Wilsonville is of high concern. This is a new threat in the State of Oregon and we have been working closely with Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) and Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to learn as much as possible about the impact and best practices to protect trees and keep the pest contained. Below are links to informational pages from both agencies and the City:

[ODF –MOB Information Page](#)

[ODA – MOB Information Page](#)

[City of Wilsonville - MOB Information Page](#)

Please review the above materials and check your Oregon white oak tree to see if it is displaying any of the symptoms. If you have reason to suspect MOB, it is imperative that the tree is reported to the Oregon Invasive Species Hotline, which can be reached via this link: <https://oregoninvasiveshotline.org/>. After the report is sent to the State, the presence will be confirmed by an ODA or ODF representative.

If the presence of MOB is confirmed and the tree has been impacted severely enough to warrant removal, it is important to minimize movement of oak tree debris after removal. The best disposal method for the tree is to burn it onsite. However, given the tree is located in an urban area with residences and businesses nearby, that is not a feasible solution.

The next best recommendation for disposal is to break down the tree into the smallest pieces possible and transport the woody debris in a completely enclosed truck to an incinerator for disposal. The closest incinerator is located in Brooks, Oregon ([Covanta Incinerator](#)).

If the incinerator is not a feasible option, the recommendation from ODA is to chip the wood into one (1) inch pieces or as small as possible. Once the tree is chipped, the chips should be completely covered in visqueen plastic sheeting and remain in place until burning is possible.

The City is not requesting a tree permit application at this time, but do not remove the tree until it is confirmed by the Oregon Department of Agriculture and City staff that removal is necessary. Please let City staff in the Planning Department (Planning@ci.wilsonville.or.us) know when the tree is removed, so we can continue to coordinate proper disposal and assist in any way possible. We are developing our plan as a City for how to best support our residents and other land owners. We appreciate your patience while we work through the logistics and will keep you informed and updated on developments.

Again, thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. We look forward to working with you.