



CITY OF WOODCREEK

OAK WILT ABATEMENT AND REPLACEMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION (per Ord. 91.09)

Date of Application Submission: 3/26/2025

Note: to receive assistance through this program you must FIRST have a confirmed diagnosis of Oak Wilt by a professional holding the appropriate qualifications and certifications. Confirmation of this diagnosis MUST be submitted with this application. Please see the checklist below for the full list of items needed.

PROPERTY OWNER:	Paul E. Palmer, Claire Palmer
LOCATION ADDRESS:	
EMAIL:	
PHONE:	
WHAT RELIEF ARE YOU SEEKING?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABATEMENT ASSISTANCE <input type="checkbox"/> REPLACEMENT ASSISTANCE <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH

Checklist of Items to Include with this Application:

Applications will only be considered complete once ALL items have been provided.

Incomplete applications will not be sent to the Tree Board for review.

- ☐ Images of all trees impacted by Oak Wilt. Must be of good quality and no less than two per tree showing height and canopy conditions.
- ☐ Size (diameter) and Species of Oak(s). Diameter is circumference divide by 3.14 measured at about 5 feet in height or the widest part of the tree before trunk division.
- ☐ Statement from Certified Arborist / Oak Wilt specialist and documentation of diagnosis.
- ☐ Submit receipts for replacement showing purchase of tree (NOT in the Oak species) and planting.
- ☐ Photo of replacement tree planted at the location listed on the application.
- ☐ For abatement, additional site plans and description of work to be done and a bid from 3 companies for proposed work must be submitted.
- ☐ Additional supporting materials are welcome

Please return this application and all supplemental materials to City Staff.

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Guidelines of the Assistance Program:

The City shall spend funds on Oak Wilt suppression on private lands within the city limits. Funds for this effort will come from the Oak Wilt Containment budget.

The City has no obligation to pay for preventive measures on any private property. However, the City may enter into written agreements to pay for all or part of the costs of preventive measures to stop the spread of Oak Wilt. This may include cost-sharing of trenching or removal of diseased oaks. Fungicide treatments are NOT automatically covered, but requests may be considered.

The City may enter into an agreement with the property owner(s) for cost-sharing of replacement trees for **Protected (19+ inches in diameter)** and **Heritage (24+ inches for single trunk or 30+ inches for a multi-trunk in diameter)** trees lost to Oak Wilt.

(a) The City will offer to cover 50% of the cost of the replacement tree, or up to \$600 in matching funds, to replace any protected or heritage tree that has died or must be removed due to Oak Wilt as diagnosed by a certified arborist and confirmed by the City.

(b) Trees smaller in diameter and younger in age than a designated protected or heritage tree but afflicted by Oak Wilt as diagnosed by a certified arborist and confirmed by the City, will be grouped into sets of 5 to determine a funding match from the City; for every five smaller trees a resident may receive \$600 and for every three smaller trees a resident may receive half value at \$300 in matching funds.

(c) The resident will be reimbursed upon the confirmed planting of the replacement tree. Trees must be planted in the fall, not during a drought, and the resident must provide an exact match of funds from the city to purchase a tree of advanced age and suitable durability to survive transplantation.

(d) The City will not cover costs to plant the tree and no portion of the match funds may be used for planting services. The match funds shall be solely used for the purchase of the tree.

(e) Trees selected for planting may not be susceptible to Oak Wilt and residents should reference the Texas A&M Forest Service guidelines for appropriate trees to plant in this area that Oak Wilt cannot infect. <https://texasoakwilt.org/resources/recommended-trees/edwards-plateau>

(f) Residents that show proof the replacement tree planted has survived after three years will receive an additional \$100 per tree. This must be documented via photos and the tree must still be alive and thriving at the time the City sends out a representative to confirm in person.

NOTE: Process can take up to 4-6 weeks before reimbursement is received.

Assistance will only be considered for work done within the 6 months prior to the application submission. Funds are available on a "first come, first served" basis from the budget. If the City has spent all the approved budgeted funds for the year, then assistance may not be available. No property shall receive more than one quarter of budgeted funds during a single fiscal year without explicit Council approval.

Applications may go before the Tree Board for review and are subject to approval by staff. Funds will be issued if all requirements are met and funds are available.

If you are unable to provide some of the materials because the tree has already been removed, then you may request review based on special circumstances. Additional supplemental items may be needed in this case. Please be prepared to work with staff in a supportive manner.