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OAK WILT

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture has recently published two excellent publications relating to Oak Wilt control and prevention: "Oak Wilt Control and Prevention on Construction Sites" and "Root Graft Barriers for Oak Wilt Control."

Both of these articles are available at no cost by contacting: Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Oak Wilt Control Program, Plant Industry Division, 90 West Plato Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55107; Telephone: (612) 296-3349.

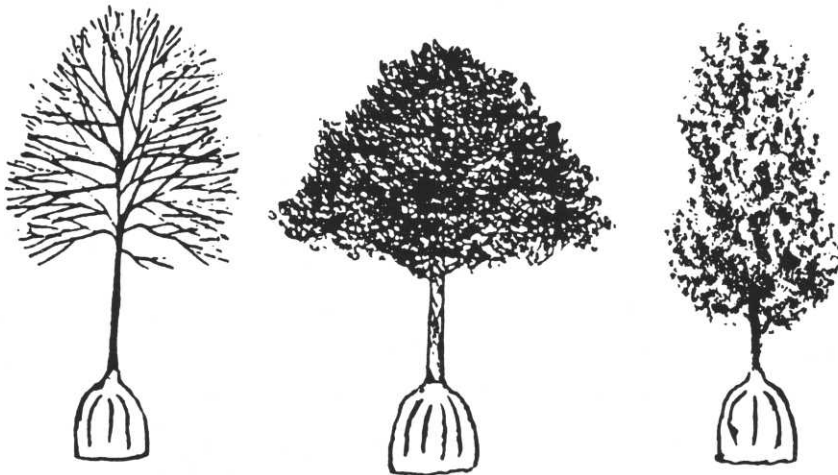
The following summary and flow chart are adapted from the fact sheet "Oak Wilt Control and Prevention on Construction Sites."

SUMMARY

Oak Wilt is the most serious shade tree disease in Minnesota. A Department of Natural Resources (DNR) survey of oak wilt shows the nearly all infections are associated with construction. If your development sites are currently free of oak wilt, prevention is easy and involves only minor modifications in construction practices. Once oak wilt is established in an area, control is necessary. Obviously, there are costs involved with this work. But the alternative costs of doing nothing (decline in property

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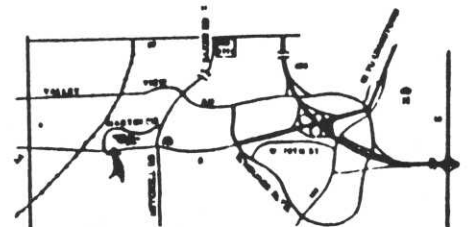
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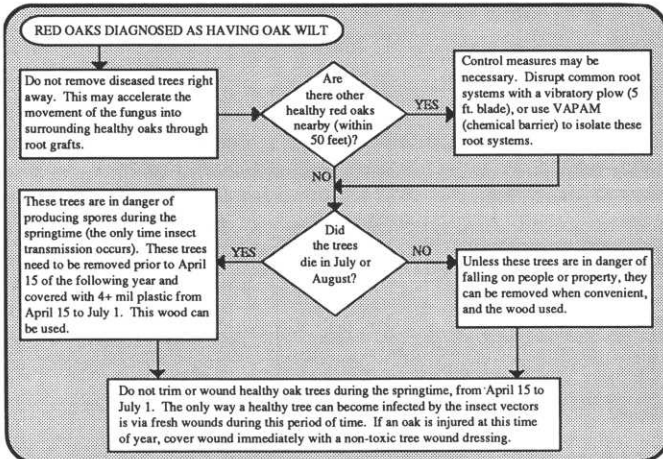
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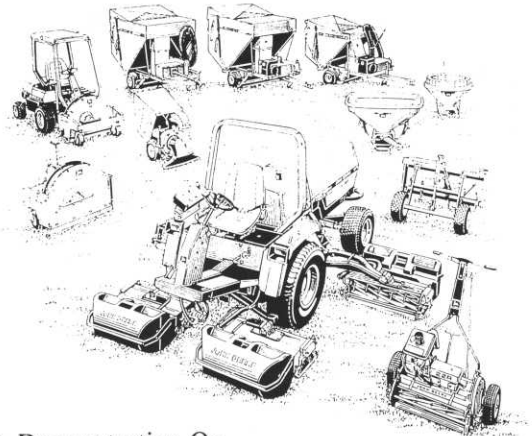
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value, tree removal, skeptical buyers, potential liability problems, etc.) may be far more expensive.

The Departments of Agriculture and Natural Resources can help you determine whether oak wilt exists on your development sites. An aerial inventory of oak wilt in 45 townships north of the Twin Cities (the area hardest hit by oak wilt) was completed last year. Computer generated maps of oak wilt infections in this area (down to map size of 40 acres) are available (May, 1989). For these maps or other information on oak wilt and its' control, please contact the MDA or the DNR.



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