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Elm phloem necrosis

Problem: I would like more information on phloem necrosis, the new disease attacking elms. (Illinois)

Solution: The origin of elm phloem necrosis is unknown, but apparently it has been around since about 1882. Perhaps because of all the attention given to Dutch elm disease, other diseases of elm have been overlooked or forgotten. Rediscovery or more frequent mention of phloem necrosis may stem from work being done using the electron microscope.

The cause of phloem necrosis is something called a mollicute or mycoplasma-type organism. Loosely speaking, mollicutes are halfway between viruses and bacteria. They are microscopic in size and require special equipment to be seen. Phloem is a tissue found between the outer bark and the wood. Necrosis is the death of tissue; in this case, phloem. Healthy phloem is light-colored, usually white or off white. The phloem in trees with phloem necrosis is yellow, butterscotch (tan) or brown. Necrotic phloem is most evident near the base of the tree and has a wintergreen odor. Other symptoms include yellow leaves, drooping foliage and leaf fall. The foliar symptoms are similar to those of Dutch elm disease (DED) and for this reason, cannot be relied on.

There is no known cure for phloem necrosis. It is known that sucking insects called leafhoppers can carry the mollicute from tree to tree. Sprays to control the white-banded elm leafhopper have been recommended. The long-term solution may lie in the use of resistant trees. Asiatic and European species are less susceptible to phloem necrosis.

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Painting over ivy not advised

Problem: One of our clients has exterior stucco walls ranging from two to five stories high partially covered with Boston ivy. The client would like to paint the walls using latex paints. Is it possible to spray paint over the vines when they are dormant without severe damage? (Oregon)

Solution: Since paints can affect living plant tissues, try painting a small area of a wall to test for possible injury. Latex paint has been used without harm to tree trunks, however we do not have any information on this paint over Boston ivy.

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