

Scofield Farms Homeowners Association Oak Wilt Treatment Program

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OAK WILT TREATMENT PROGRAM

This program was initiated in 2001 to encourage homeowners to treat trees with confirmed Oak Wilt disease or trees that are near infected trees. The HOA's contribution is a 50% cost share for the HOA member's Oak Wilt Treatment expenses up to a \$500/year for the affected property. Each request for SF HOA cost share is subject to SF HOA Board approval.

Example- Injection treatment costs \$800, HOA reimburses homeowner \$400.

Oak Wilt Education and Treatment Selection

There are two types of treatment for Oak Wilt injections offered in the industry. The SF HOA Board will contribute toward both the "Macro" injection and the "Micro" injection methods. Both methods have shown the ability to prevent new infections based on the information provided in a scientific literature review conducted by the University of Minnesota

For full summary of data see the following link: <http://isg-igert.umn.edu/news/KochQuiram2010.pdf>

For more information on Oak Wilt see the City of Austin's (COA) Oak Wilt link <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/oakwilt/> and the Texas Oak Wilt Suppression link <http://www.texasoakwilt.org/>.

The SF HOA Board recommends homeowners review the above noted links prior to making a decision on treatment.

Cost share requests should be sent to the SF HOA property manager (postal service or email PDF) and include:

- A letter or email from the **City of Austin's Oak Wilt Specialist** confirming that the trees proposed for treatment are in or near a known Oak Wilt infected zone. Once this affirmation is received by the HOA, it need not be resubmitted for subsequent years' treatment.
- Copies of receipts for treatment. The invoice must clearly state that treatment was supervised or performed by an certified Arborist. Once received, SF HOA Board of Directors will review the submitted documents and determine cost share contribution, if any, based on the HOA's current budgetary condition.

Note 1)-\$500.00 maximum cost share by the HOA per address and per calendar year as defined January 1st through December 31st. Please contact the SF HOA's property manager, at frontdesk@cmaustin.com regarding this Oak Wilt Treatment subsidy.

Note 2) Live Oak and Red Oak trees should NOT be pruned or cut from March 1- June 30 to avoid the active period of the disease transmitting bark beetle. During this period of avoidance it is important to immediately seal any accidental cuts from storms of other incidents with pruning paint