



Re: Oak Wilt Prevention

Dear Cordillera Ranch Residents and Property Owners,

**Extreme care must be taken when pruning Oak trees (Live Oaks or Spanish Red Oak). The Texas Forest Service strongly discourages pruning from February 1<sup>st</sup> through July 1<sup>st</sup>.** The least hazardous periods for pruning are during the coldest days in midwinter and during extended hot periods in late summer. Regardless of season, all pruning cuts or wounds to oak trees, including freshly cut stumps, and damaged surface roots, should be **treated immediately** with a wound or latex paint to prevent exposure to contaminated insect vectors.

Through our Design Guidelines and working with builders, contractors, our Garden Club and Social Club newsletter, we are constantly communicating Oak Wilt prevention. Cordillera Ranch is in touch with the Texas Forest Service when we see a suspicious tree and we have a staff person who is very familiar with Oak Wilt and may be able to identify and help to treat trees that might have Oak Wilt.

If you notice anyone pruning and have a question about their work please contact the Visitors Center or Valerie Shaw at 336-3570.

For more information regarding Oak Wilt management you can visit the website: [www.texasoakwilt.org](http://www.texasoakwilt.org)

Thanks,

Cordillera Ranch POA