

## **Cost Shares for Oak Wilt Management**

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The Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS) administers a federal cost-share program, the Texas Oak Wilt Suppression Program (TOWSP), to assist landowners in their fight against oak wilt.

Trenching to contain the spread of oak wilt or removal of certain diseased red oaks may qualify for limited cost-shares. Cost-shares for trenching are capped at 40% of approved costs up to \$1000.00 per cooperator per year and multiple cooperator project costs are capped at 40% of approved costs up to \$3000.00 per project per year. Cost-shares for removal of certain diseased red oaks are capped at 40% of approved costs with a maximum of \$500.00 per cooperator per year.

All treatments must be installed according to TOWSP guidelines and approved by TFS personnel. Project guidelines include full containment of the oak wilt center within installed trenches and relative isolation of the disease center from other disease centers in the immediate area. Trenches must be installed to a minimum depth of four feet and located no closer than 100 feet from symptomatic trees. Federal guidelines on protection of cultural resources must also be followed and approved. Red oak removals have specific guidelines and are only approved as cost-shareable by TFS personnel. An application for cost-shares must be approved before any cost-shareable treatment can begin.

The Texas A&M Forest Service has seven foresters stationed regionally throughout central Texas to provide technical assistance to landowners concerned about oak wilt on their property. Select the "Get Help" tab on the home page and select "Texas A&M Forest Service Contacts" to identify and contact the forester serving your county.