

Recently an outbreak of oak wilt in some neighborhoods has been detected due to untimely tree trimming by Consumers Power this past spring during the most vulnerable time for the spread of the disease.

There are some actions that can be done to stop oak wilt if caught at its earliest stages; otherwise, it will without fail spread to other oaks. Property owners need to be made aware of this potential and be on the lookout for infected oak trees along the power line cutting and elsewhere.

It's important to identify any tree that may be affected by this NOW, before oak leaves begin to drop.

Eric Brandon, Alcona County District Forester, (989) 724-5272, is the contact person regarding intervention. Also, Tim Hoffman from Consumers Energy can be contacted directly at 517-930-1357 to report a suspected tree.