



► Help the NJ Forest Service monitor for Oak Wilt

The NJ Forest Service Forest Health Program is cooperating with the Rutgers Plant Diagnostic Laboratory to offer free oak wilt screening tests in efforts to detect the presence of this pathogen in the state. This is important as oak wilt has been detected close to New Jersey in PA (Philly area), NY (Brooklyn and Long Island), and MD.

Oak wilt is caused by the fungal pathogen, *Bretziella fagacearum*, and is deadly to all species of oak trees. There is no known cure for oak wilt, however, early detection and eradication efforts have proven successful when implemented early.

If you suspect your oak tree has oak wilt, please contact the Rutgers Diagnostic Lab at: buckley@njaes.rutgers.edu or 732-932-9140, for more information on how and where to submit a tree sample. For questions or additional information on oak wilt, contact the NJ Forest Service Forest Health Program at: rosa.yoo@dep.nj.gov or 609-306-2433.

Sample collection instructions can be found [here](#).

This [publication from the US Forest Service](#) provides a detailed overview of oak wilt; it is intended to help natural resource managers in the Northeast and Midwest choose the most appropriate tools for a given situation.