



## **OAK WILT FOUND IN ONTARIO**

Oak wilt is a disease caused by the fungus *Bretziella fagacearum*. Red oaks are particularly susceptible, resulting in tree death within a single season. Oak wilt is spread naturally through root grafts or beetles carrying fungal spores.

The first confirmation of Oak Wilt in Canada was recently found in Niagara Falls, a short 200km from St Thomas

### **What you can do:**

- Don't prune oak trees between April and August, when the spore-carrying beetles are most active; they are attracted to fresh pruning wounds.
- Don't move Oak firewood from your property.

### **What to look for on Oak Trees:**

- Dull green, brown or yellow leaves
  - Cracks in the trunk
  - White, grey, or black fungus
  - Early and sudden leaf drop

**Please do your part to keep our Oak Trees safe and report any suspected Oak Wilt Cases to the Parks Department or directly to the Canada Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)**