



DTE Electric - Oak Wilt Protocol

DTE Energy strives to provide our Customer's with the Safe and Reliable Energy they deserve. We also recognize the Oak Wilt Disease to be a Tree/ Forest Health issue and take every precaution to prevent the spread of this disease. Our Professional Arborists and Foresters work with trees every day, and is our goal to achieve a healthy and aesthetically pleasing landscape within the Communities we service.

DTE Energy's Oak Wilt Policy requires a suspension of tree work on all oak species from **April 15th** until **August 1st** for the entire service territory. The **August 1st** is an extension from the July 15th date determined by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Oak species may only be worked on between the dates above with the following qualifications:

- Trouble or Storm work
- Power restoration
- The oak is determined to pose an immediate threat to our Customers, Employees, or DTE Equipment

No oak species are to be trimmed/ removed until **August 1**, unless qualifications above are met.

An oak which must be pruned or removed must have the wound immediately treated with an approved latex seal. All contractors working on oaks must use sterilized cutting tools on each individual oak being pruned.