

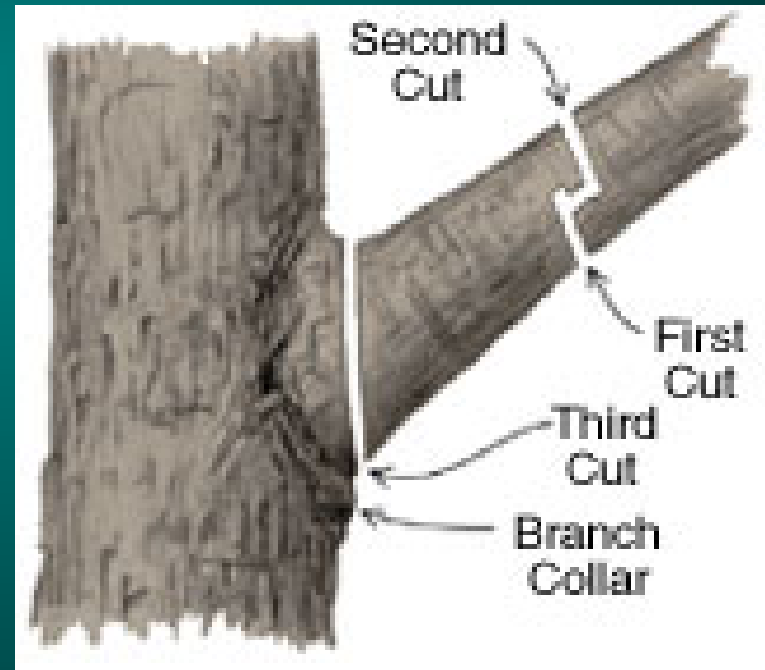
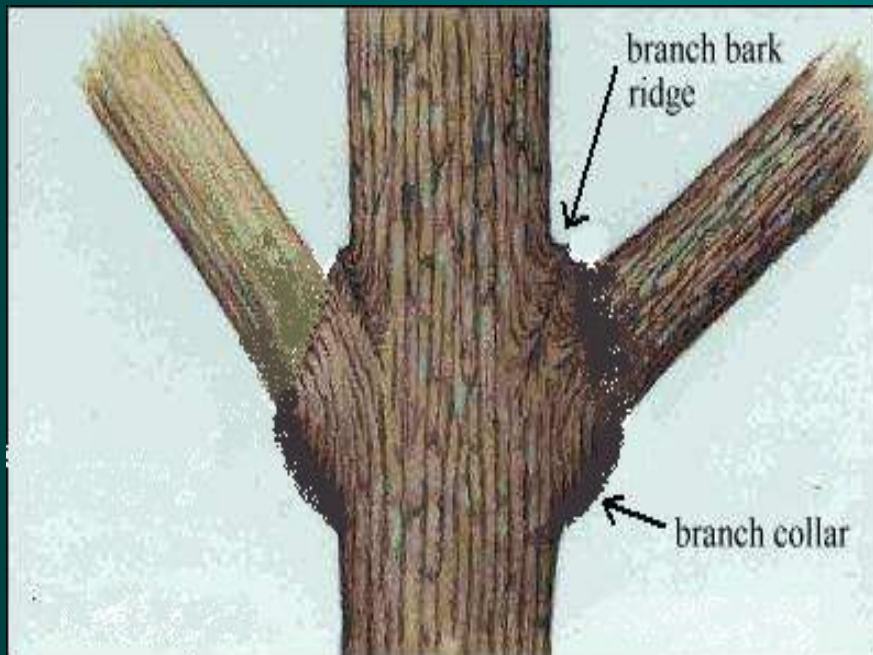
# Jester Firewise Committee

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## PROTECTING TREES PRUNING TIPS & OAK WILT PREVENTION

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# PROPER PRUNING CUTS



# IMPROPER PRUNING CUTS



# Oak Wilt

*Oak Wilt is a disease caused by a fungus called **Ceratocystis fagacearum**.*

*Causes a clogging of the water conducting vessels of infected oak trees, causing the trees to wilt and die.*



# Symptoms



Veinal necrosis is an important symptom of the disease in Live Oaks.



Resistant post oak

Susceptible live oak







# The Urban Forest Grant Program

**Grant funds available for tree projects in Austin**



The City of Austin's Urban Forest Grant Program, established to promote conservation and other projects that benefit Austin's urban forest, has funding available to help preserve and grow Austin's canopy of trees. Projects associated with tree planting and preservation, education, public service announcements, disease control and management of invasive species are eligible for funding.

The City Arborist Program



To learn more, please visit the website at

<http://austingo.austintexas.gov/page/urban-forest-grant-program>