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## Pine Wilt is on the Move!!

A recent report on Pine Wilt from Kansas City's Channel 5 News stated "A disease that has killed thousands of pine trees in eastern Kansas is migrating west and beginning to take a hole in central parts of the state". Pine Wilt is a disease caused by a microscopic worm that is carried in the mouth parts of wood boring bark beetles that bores into healthy pines, primarily Scots pines, and interrupts the flow of sap to tree branches. The lack of the nutrient sap will cause the branches to turn brown and dies, eventually killing the tree.

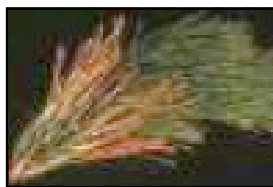


Sadly, this can kill a tree in as little as three months; however, there is a preventative treatment currently available to combat this disease. Trees suffering from Pine Wilt should be removed and professionally disposed of to avoid spreading the disease to other trees.

However, a browning pine does not necessarily mean the tree has Pine Wilt disease. Tip Blight and Needle Blight are two diseases that primarily affect Austrian, White and Mugo Pines. These diseases also cause browning in Pines. Unlike the deadly Pine Wilt, there are treatments available.



Pine Tip Blight



Pine Needle Blight

**Tip Blight** or **Needle Blight** is treatable with a series of fungicide treatments applied by a professional technician. It is highly recommended that pines in the surrounding area be treated as well to avoid the spreading of the disease. An evaluation by a Certified Arborist can confirm if your Pines are suffering from any of these diseases and can recommend the proper form of treatment.

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