



The Grange Homeowners Association

To Whom It May Concern:

We have noticed a Black Knot fungal infection in the tree(s) located on your property. We ask that you be responsible and follow the instructions below to remove the fungus as it affects the overall health of trees like Maydays and Schubert Chokecherries. It causes damage by turning trees' own branches against them. Left untreated the fungus will kill the tree. If the fungus has spread to the trunk of your tree, replacement is the only option. To remove the fungus either call an arborist or remove it yourself by following these instructions:

- Prune out the infected branches between late fall and early spring when the plants is dormant and the knots are easier to see.
- Remove the infected branches to at least 15-20 cm (6-8 inches) below the knot.
- It is best to prune an infected branch further back to a suitable location, such as a healthy collar, rather than leave a stub.
- For knots on the trunk or scaffold branches (main branches growing directly from the trunk) that can't be removed, cut away the diseased material down to good tissue and at least 1 cm (1/2 inch) beyond the edge of the knot.
- Sterilize your cutting tools between each cut using bleach to prevent further spread of the disease.
- Destroy infected pruning(s) immediately, as they can continue to produce spores for months after being removed. Galls can be placed into a plastic bag for regular household garbage collection. Do not burn them as this will release more fungal spores into the air spreading the infection.

https://www.edmonton.ca/programs_services/pests/black-knot.aspx



Do you see this
in your tree?
Read the article
and find out
why you need
to remove it.

Sincerely,

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