

Neighborhood Matching Fund TREE FUND 2009

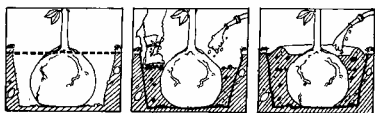


(Application updated July 22, 2009)



Seattle reLeaf
keep the emerald city green

Application Deadline: August 21, 2009



What will you accomplish with a Tree Fund Project?

Plant trees to beautify your street and sustain the environment!

Get to know your neighbors and make a lasting investment in your neighborhood!

Grow your own food!

General Questions?

SuJ'n Chon, (206-615-1600) or
Anne Takekawa, (206-684-4523)
at the Department of Neighborhoods.

Questions on tree planting requirements or tree varieties?

Call the City Arborist's Office at
(206-684-8733) or
email Seattle.Trees@Seattle.gov

For an online application, visit
www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/nmf/treefund.htm

FREE TREES FOR YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. The Tree Fund was created in 1995 as a quick and easy way for neighbors to come together to plant trees, beautifying neighborhoods and adding environmental benefits. Through the Tree Fund, Seattle residents have added more than 20,000 trees to the City's canopy and have built stronger community connections along the way.

What's new for 2009?

In light of the growing interest in food security as a way to increase Seattle's tree canopy, we are expanding the Tree Fund. This year, Tree Fund participants who plant neighborhood street trees in a group can also select one (1) fruit tree to plant on their private properties (one per household)!

Who can apply?

Groups of five or more households on a street. Individual applications are not eligible.

How many trees can you get?

Groups can request a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 40 trees per project.

How does it work?

Applications will be approved on a first-come, first-served basis.

Pick your tree preferences from the list on pages 5 and 6.

Trees will be delivered to your neighborhood on a scheduled day in October or November.

SAVE THE DATE

"Tree Planting and Maintenance Training" Workshop

Saturday, October 10, 9:30 a.m.

Location: TBD

At least two members from your group must attend

There are four easy ways to get your applications to us by Aug 21:

- 1) **In person:** Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 5th Ave, Suite 1700 (17th Floor)
- 2) **In person:** your local Neighborhood Service Center
- 3) **Postal mail:** Wendy Watson, NMF Tree Fund, PO Box 94649, Seattle, WA 98124
- 4) **Email PDF file:** NMFund@Seattle.gov

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Where can we plant our street trees?

On planting strips with sidewalks and curbs.

Where can we plant the fruit trees?

In your private yard ONLY, at least the diameter of a mature tree away from a street right-of-way, water or sewer line, and building.

Consider the size the tree when full grown when selecting locations.

What size tree should we plant?

Larger trees provide a much greater benefit to your neighborhood and to our environment than smaller trees. They control more water, provide more shade in the summer, breathe in more CO₂ and breathe out more oxygen than smaller trees. For these reasons, the City Arborist recommends larger trees for your planting strips whenever possible.

Where should we plant on the planting strip?

The planting strip must be at least 5 ft. wide for most trees. Trees must be planted 5 ft. from underground utility lines, 10 ft. from power poles, 20 ft. from street lights or other trees, and 30 ft. from a corner curb.

Who will take care of the trees?

Watering and maintaining the trees during the first 3 years is important for the establishment of the tree's roots. You and your neighbors are responsible for maintaining the trees.

TREE FUND THINGS TO DO

1. Talk to your neighbors.

- Distribute flyers or make phone calls to find out how many people want to plant trees. Think big! Use this as an opportunity to connect with your neighbors and beautify your block.
- Meet with your neighbors to select your tree preferences.
 - Select one tree type for each site. (Up to three different species per application are allowed.)
 - Small trees are recommended **only** for planting strips with overhead power lines. Medium trees are recommended whenever overhead obstructions are not present.
 - This is not a removal/replacement program for trees already in planting strips.

2. Identify any underground utilities that may impact the location of your trees.

- Call the utility locator service at 800-424-5555.
- Indicate all addresses participating in your project.
- Indicate that you have a "pre-planning locate request," and that you will not be digging right away, but need the sites marked by August 21.

A representative from each utility will come out to mark the locations of their buried lines near your site. For the utility color code and more information about underground utilities, visit <http://www.callbeforeyoudig.org>.

3. Complete the application

- Include the street map drawing and signatures of neighbors requesting trees for their planting strips and yards.
- If a neighbor is not the property owner, please attach a document from the property owner giving permission to plant trees.
- Clearly fill out the total number of each variety of trees requested.

4. Submit your application. The City Arborist will inspect your site based on your map.

- *Your planting sites and tree preferences must be approved by the Arborist.*
- Based upon review by the City Arborist, the number of trees approved for a site may be fewer than the number requested. Please note that tree type is not guaranteed. If a tree variety is not available, substitutions will be provided. *Only street tree locations will be inspected, not fruit tree locations.*
- You will receive a letter indicating the final number and type of trees approved by September 25, 2009.

5. Trees will be delivered to your site on a scheduled day in October/November.

Meanwhile, get ready for planting day! Organize your planting project by reminding neighbors, planning for refreshments, collecting tools and mulch, and notifying your local paper. Neighborhood volunteers are responsible for gathering tools and supplies, preparing the site and planting the trees. Make it a fun, neighborhood-wide event!

7. Submit your final report by Friday, December 4, 2009.

Send us photos of your project in action. Tell us what worked and what didn't.

NEIGHBORHOOD MATCHING FUND 2009 TREE FUND APPLICATION

1. _____
Application Group (e.g., Trees on Melrose; Re-tree 21st Street)

2. _____
Project Contact Person

Address Zip Code

 Day

 Evening

Email

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Would you like us to add you to the NMF email listserv? Yes
No

3. _____
Neighborhood (e.g., Ravenna, Admiral, Beacon Hill)

4. _____
Project Location: (Hundred block and street names: e.g., 5600 & 5700 blocks of 21st Avenue)

5. _____
Requested Delivery Site (e.g., southwest corner of 21st Avenue West and 56th Street)

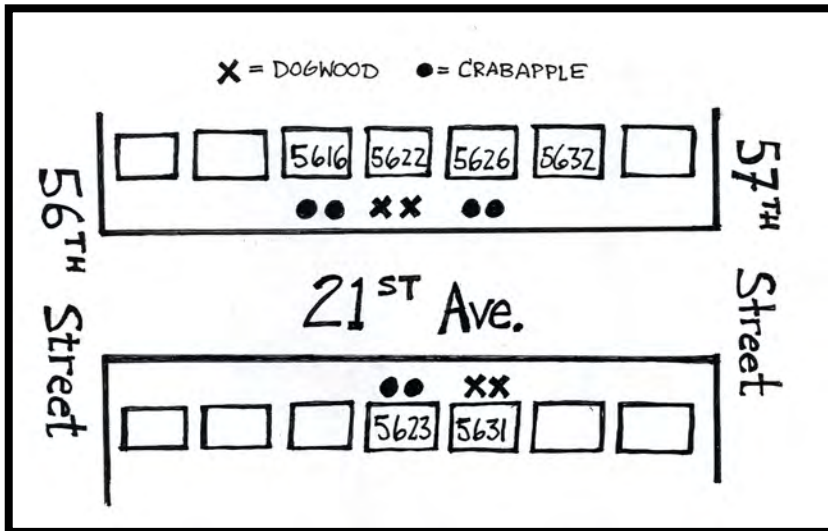
- **One Delivery site only per project.**
- Please identify a planting strip location within the neighborhood for tree delivery.
- Provide specific instructions if necessary.
- The site should be large enough to accommodate the quantity of trees you are requesting.
- Deliveries will be scheduled so that trees can be planted on the weekend.

6. By signing this application, the group pledges to organize and implement the tree planting project described in this application. The group understands that tree care is the responsibility of the neighborhood group, including watering and maintaining of the trees. Finally, the group agrees to submit **a final project report** including information on neighborhood participation, a description of how the project went, and planting day photos by December 4, 2009.

Signature of Project Lead/Contact

Date

YOUR STREET SKETCH



In the space below, sketch your proposed planting sites (for street trees only). Indicate street name and house numbers. Mark desired tree planting sites and designate tree type.

(Example at left)



STREET TREE OPTIONS FOR PLANTING STRIPS

MEDIUM (Max. Height 40'): These trees should be spaced 25 to 30' apart.



Frontier Elm

A fairly upright tree that is very tolerant of urban conditions reaching a height of 35 to 40 feet and a spread of 25 feet. Autumn will bring a lovely red-purple leaf coloration.



Queen Elizabeth Hedge Maple

A slow growing tree reaching a height and spread of 30 to 35 feet. The small stature and vigorous growth make this an excellent street tree for residential areas. The fall color is a very showy yellow.



Ginkgo

A very slow growing tree reaching a height of 25- 50 feet and a spread of 25 to 35 feet. It has a vivid yellow fall color second to none in brilliance. The leaves fall quickly in autumn; seemingly all at once.



Kobus Magnolia

A columnar (upright growing) tree; often more oval in shape as it matures, reaching 35 ft in height and 15 to 20 ft wide. It produces six-inch, fragrant white blooms. The large, black-green leaves turn yellow in fall.

SMALL (Max. Height 20'): These trees fit in narrow planting strips and under wires, and should be spaced 20' apart.



Paperbark Maple

A small, slow growing maple with a distinct cinnamon colored exfoliating bark. Tree height reaches 20 to 30 feet, with a spread of 15 to 25 feet. The green, trifoliate leaves turn bright red and orange in the fall.



Purple Prince Crabapple

This tree reaches a height and spread of 20 feet. The foliage starts the season out purple, eventually turning to a bronze green color. The blossom of this tree is bright pink in color.



Eddie's White Wonder Dogwood

A small, slow growing tree reaching a height of 20 to 30 feet and a spread of 10 to 20 feet. It produces a large, white flower in the middle of spring. The green leaves will turn a red-orange color in the fall.



Red Cascade Mountain Ash

A small tree with a height of 20 feet and a spread of 10 - 12 feet. The green pinnately compound leaves will turn yellow in the fall. The cluster of white flowers will turn into small, red fruit. Most often birds will strip the tree of the small fruit before it even hits the ground.

FRUIT TREE OPTIONS FOR PRIVATE PROPERTY

(pilot option this year - one per household)

Seattle Department of Transportation requirements for planting fruit trees on your property: A fruit tree must be at least one full tree diameter's length from a street right-of-way.

Semi-Dwarf Trees (growing to 15-18 ft.) are free standing, produce a higher volume of fruit, and tolerate a wider range of soils. Fruit trees need a minimum of 6-8 hours sunlight daily, and need water 1-2 times per week, especially during the dry summer months. They are not drought tolerant.

Option One:



Four-In-One Apples: Four assorted apple varieties are grafted onto one common root stock, allowing the fruit tree to be self-pollinating as the different varieties pollinate each other. This also gives you an extensive sampling of flavors and a wide range of uses. Produces fruit all season long, extends the usual apple season you could expect from only one tree.

Apple varieties are based on tree farm stock and availability, thus are not known ahead of time. Trees will be labeled upon tree delivery. The varieties will most likely be four of the following varieties: Braeburn, Cortland, Fuji, Gala, Granny Smith, Gravenstein, Jonagold, Liberty, Red Delicious, Red McIntosh, Spartan, Summerred, Yellow Delicious, Yellow Transparent or Winesap.

Option Two:

Lapin Cherry: Lapin is one of the largest and juiciest sweet cherry varieties. It is said that one Lapin Cherry is a mouthful. Lapin Cherries can pollinate themselves, so planting another sweet cherry cultivar is not required. The skin is a dark red to a deep purple color. The flesh is sweet and juicy with a nice flavor.



SIGN UP SHEET Page One

Application Group Name: _____

Participant Name	Address	Signature	Street Tree Type	# Street Trees Requested	# Approved by City Arborist	Interested in a fruit tree for your private property? (one per household)	Fruit Tree Type: Four-in-one Apple or Lapin Cherry
Example	Example	Example	Example	Example	Example	Example	Example
G Kelly	123 Rainier Ave S		Paperbark Maple	3	2	Yes	Four-in-one Apple

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Important: Please use “SIGN UP SHEET Page Two” for total number of street and fruit trees.

