

2011 Trees for Neighborhoods



Why Trees?

- **Increased community**
People are more likely to walk down streets lined with trees, creating opportunities for neighbors to meet.
- **Reduced stormwater**
Trees catch and absorb rain reducing the damage to the environment that can result from too much runoff.
- **Cleaner air and water**
Urban trees remove particulate matter and other pollutants from the air and water making our environment healthier for people and wildlife.
- **And much more!**

Plant Your Own Tree!

Program participants receive:

- Free trees!
- Watering bags
- Training on proper tree planting and care
- Coupon for free Groco compost
- Ongoing care reminders and workshop opportunities

Available Species:

- Asian pear 'Shinseiki' (fruiting)
- Paperbark maple (*Acer griseum*)
- Eastern redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)
- Japanese snowbell (*Styrax japonica* 'Snowcone')
- Shore pine (*Pinus contorta* 'Contorta')
- Weeping Alaska cedar (*Chamaecyparis nootkatensis* 'Glauca Pendula')
- Rivers purple beech (*Fagus sylvatica* 'Riversii')
- Tupelo (*Nyssa sylvatica* 'Wildfire')
- Deodar cedar (*Cedrus deodara*)
- Western red cedar (*Thuja plicata*)

Trees can be planted anywhere in residential yards, but must be planted at the address on the application. Permits are required if planting street trees – reLeaf staff will coordinate acquiring permits. Receiving a permit is not guaranteed. No permit is required for yard trees. **Tree supply is limited and applications will be accepted on a first come first served basis, so apply early!**

For more information:

www.Seattle.gov/trees | TreesforNeighborhoods@Seattle.gov | 206-615-1668

Important Dates

August 8

Applications available at www.Seattle.gov/trees

September 1

Street tree applications due; applications for yard trees still accepted

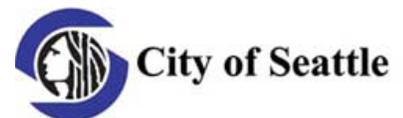
October 24

Deadline for all applications

October 30 or November 12

Attend a planting and care workshop and pick up your trees!

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AVAILABLE TREES (Limit 4 trees per household – see www.seattle.gov/trees/availabletrees.htm for pictures)

Fruit Tree	Evergreen or Deciduous	Approx. Height / Spread	Possible street tree?	Minimum planting strip width for street trees	Flowers / Fruit?	Description
Asian pear 'Shinseiki'	Deciduous	15-20' tall		NA	Fruit	Fruit has yellow skin with sweet white flesh. Similar to Nijiseiki (the common grocery store variety). A heavy, regular bearer. Fruit ripens in late August. On OHxF 97 root stock.
Small Trees (Appropriate Under Power Lines)	Evergreen or Deciduous	Approx. Height / Spread	Possible street tree?	Minimum planting strip width for street trees	Flowers / Fruit?	Description
Paperbark maple (<i>Acer griseum</i>)	Deciduous	25' / 25'	✓	5'		Multistem variety. Attractive cinnamon colored peeling bark.
Eastern redbud (<i>Cercis canadensis</i>)	Deciduous	25' / 30'	✓	5'	Flowers	Pink flowers in the spring before leaves come out. Leaves are 3-5" wide and broadly heart-shaped. Does not like excessively wet soils.
Japanese snowbell (<i>Styrax japonicus</i> 'Snowcone')	Deciduous	25' / 20'	✓	5'	Flowers	White bell-shaped flowers ¾" inch wide in the spring. Pyramidal in shape. Likes full sun or partial shade.

Medium / Large Trees	Evergreen or Deciduous	Approx. Height / Spread	Possible street tree?	Minimum planting strip width for street trees	Flowers / Fruit?	Description
Shore pine (<i>Pinus contorta</i> 'contorta')	Evergreen	30-40' tall	✓	6'		Often sprawling and irregular in its youth and rarely achieving straight form. The small pine nuts are favored by many birds. One of the best pines for visual screens. Does not take to pruning well. A native tree.
Weeping Alaska cedar (<i>Chamaecyparis nootkatensis</i> 'Glauca Pendula')	Evergreen	30-40' / 10-15'		NA		Blue-green foliage and weeping branches. Likes a lot of moisture. Beautiful specimen tree.
Rivers purple beech (<i>Fagus sylvatica</i> 'Riversii')	Deciduous	50' / 40'	✓	6'		Beautiful tree with purple leaves and smooth gray bark. Leaves are darkest when they first emerge and gradually lighten towards green. Does not like compacted soils.
Tupelo (<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> 'Wildfire')	Deciduous	50' / 25'	✓	6'		Leaves emerge red in the spring, turn green. Handsome chunky bark. Slow growing.
Deodar cedar (<i>Cedrus deodara</i>)	Evergreen	60-70' / 60'	✓	8'		Graceful and somewhat drooping shape. 1- 1 ½" long silvery, pointed needles.
Western red cedar (<i>Thuja plicata</i>)	Evergreen	50-70' / 15-25'	✓	8'		A wonderful WA native conifer. Doesn't like dry soils. Scaly leaves rather than needles.

THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING YOUR TREE(S):

- Many of these trees will get big! Read descriptions carefully and envision what the tree will look like in 30+ years. Larger trees provide greater benefits to your neighborhood and our environment than smaller trees. They control more water, provide more shade in the summer, breathe in more carbon dioxide and breathe out more oxygen than smaller trees. For these reasons, the City of Seattle recommends planting larger trees whenever appropriate.
- To avoid future problems, trees must be planted at least 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. To make sure your site meets minimum distance requirements, identify any underground utilities that may impact the location of your trees **BEFORE** you submit this application.
 - To identify where your sewer lines are, go to:
<http://web1.seattle.gov/dpd/sidesewercardsv2/>
 - To identify where your other underground utilities are, call the utility locator service at 800-424-5555. This service does not mark sewer lines.
 - Indicate that you have a "pre-planning locate request," and that you will not be digging right away, but need the sites marked **BEFORE** you submit your application. A representative from each utility will come out to mark the locations of their buried lines near your site. For more information, including color codes, visit <http://www.callbeforeyoudig.org>.
- Do not plant a tall tree under power lines. Trees planted under power lines should reach a maximum of 20' at maturity or the safety of the power lines will be compromised.
- Take time to evaluate sites on your property where trees can fit. The survival and health of a tree depends on how well it is suited to the spot that you plant it. Consider: placement (is there enough space for this tree when it grows up?), light, moisture, and type of soil.
- All trees are 5 gallon sized container trees, with the exception of the Asian pear, which is a 10 gallon container tree. There will be people to help load your trees on the pick-up days, but you may need to make sure you have help to unload once you are home. Find a neighbor!
- The number of trees approved for your yard may be fewer than the number requested. Please note that tree availability is not guaranteed.
- If you do not own your home, you must obtain the permission of the homeowner.
- You must be present at the planting training to pick up your tree(s). All trees should be planted shortly after receiving them.
- Your young trees will not survive the dry summer without you giving them water and care! Water bags will be provided to help you water the trees in the summer.

Date Application Received:	Entered into Database:
Date Application Received Response Sent:	

This application may also be completed online at www.seattle.gov/trees/treesforneighborhoods.htm

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

EMAIL:* _____

*Email is our primary communication method. Your personal information will be kept confidential.

PREFERRED TREE PICKUP DATE (please check one):

Sunday, October 30
Anytime between 10 am – 2 pm
Carkeek Environmental Learning Center
950 NW Carkeek Park Rd

Saturday, November 12
Anytime between 10 am – 2 pm
Garfield Community Center
2323 East Cherry St

TREES* (Limit 4 per household):

Species	Quantity**	Street tree? (Y/N)***

*Subject to availability. Trees are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Submit your application early to ensure your desired species is available.

** Maximum one (1) Asian pear per household.

***Asian pears and Alaska cedars may not be planted as street trees.

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

Trees for Neighborhoods c/o Jana Dilley
City of Seattle Office of Sustainability
PO Box 94729
Seattle, WA 98124

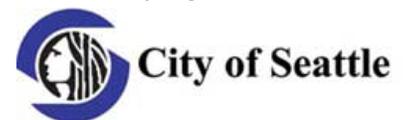
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