

The Wonder of Trees

- Soak up rainwater, keeping Puget Sound clean
- Melt away stress and help us recover from illness
- Make our streets friendly to walk and bike
- Clean our air, making it easier to breathe
- Fuel our creativity and imagination!

Plant Your Own Tree

With Trees for Neighborhoods, you receive:

- Free trees! (up to 4 per household)
- Watering bags
- Training on proper tree planting and care
- Ongoing care reminders
- Workshop opportunities

2014 Tree Species

Great trees for your yard:

- Montmorency cherry (*Prunus cerasus*)
- Shore pine (*Pinus contorta 'contorta'*)
- Incense cedar (*Calocedrus decurrens*)
- Douglas fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*)
- Vine maple (*Acer circinatum*)

Trees appropriate for planting along the street (not under power lines):

- White oak (*Quercus alba*)—8 ft. planting strip
- Black tupelo (*Nyssa sylvatica*)—6 ft. planting strip
- Tulip tree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*)—8 ft. planting strip
- Silver linden (*Tilia tomentosa 'Green Mountain'*)—8 ft. planting strip

Trees approved for planting under power lines:

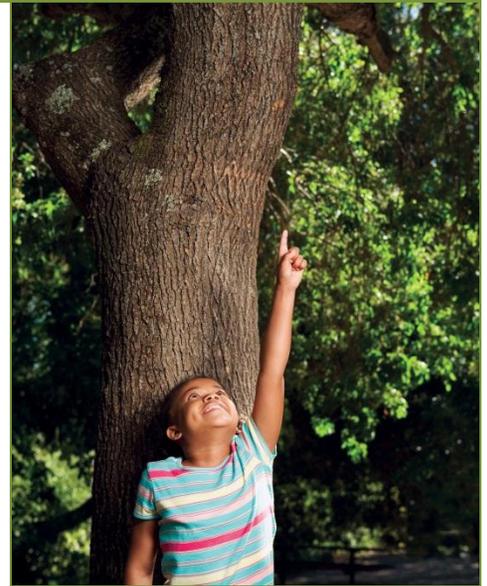
- American hornbeam (*Carpinus caroliniana*)
- Persian parrotia (*Parrotia persica*)
- Autumn Brilliance serviceberry (*Amelanchier x grandiflora 'Autumn Brilliance'*)

Trees must be planted at the address on the application. Permits are required if planting street trees. We will apply for a permit on your behalf, but receiving a permit is not guaranteed. No permit is required for yard trees.

Do you need physical assistance planting your tree? Contact us today to see if you qualify.

Tree supply is limited and applications will be accepted on a first come first served basis—apply early!

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Important Dates 2014

August 4

Applications available at www.Seattle.gov/trees

August 25

Deadline for street tree applications

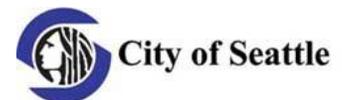
October 10

Deadline for yard tree applications

October 19 or November 1

Attend a planting workshop and pick up your trees!

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2014 AVAILABLE TREES (Limit 4 trees per household – visit www.seattle.gov/trees/availabletrees.htm for photos and more information)

UNDER POWER LINES	Evergreen or Deciduous	Approx. Height / Spread	Min. planting strip width for street trees	Flowers / Edible Fruit?	Description
Autumn brilliance serviceberry (<i>Amelanchier x grandiflora</i> 'Autumn Brilliance')	Deciduous	20'/20'	4 ft.	White flowers / edible berries	A small deciduous tree that blooms in April and produces small edible fruits in early summer. The tree's small stature makes it an excellent choice for locations under power lines and along the street. Tree has brilliant red fall color and attractive bark.
American hornbeam (<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>)	Deciduous	25'/25'	5 ft.	n/a	An attractive small deciduous tree, native to the eastern US, that works well under power lines and along the street. This tree produces an attractive dark green, wide-spreading canopy that turns orange and red in the fall.
Persian parrotia (<i>Parrotia persica</i>)	Deciduous	25'/25'	5 ft.	n/a	A small deciduous tree with beautiful changing foliage. Leaves emerge with reddish purple color, maturing to a dark green in summer and changing to shades of orange, yellow, and red in fall. Exfoliating bark of mature trees provides excellent winter interest.
STREET TREES	Evergreen or Deciduous	Approx. Height / Spread	Min. planting strip width for street trees	Flowers / Edible Fruit?	Description
White oak (<i>Quercus alba</i>)	Deciduous	60'/60'	8 ft.	n/a	A large deciduous tree with a wide-spreading, rounded canopy at maturity. White oak is native to the eastern US and makes an excellent shade tree, street tree, or yard tree.
Black tupelo (<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>)	Deciduous	60'/20'	6 ft.	n/a	This slow-growing deciduous tree makes an excellent street or yard tree and is known for its spectacular fall foliage.
Tulip tree (<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>)	Deciduous	60'/30'	8 ft.	Pale yellow flowers	A fast-growing deciduous tree with distinctively shaped leaves and subtle, pale yellow flowers in late spring to early summer. It tends to grow tall and loves full sun. Often turns golden to orange in fall.

Silver linden (<i>Tilia tomentosa</i> 'Green Mountain')	Deciduous	60'/40'	8 ft.	n/a	A great deciduous shade tree with small leaves that seem to shimmer in the wind. Also prized for its small but fragrant blossoms and smooth silver bark. Great for street planting due to its hardiness and pollution tolerance.
YARD TREES	Evergreen or Deciduous	Approx. Height / Spread	Min. planting strip width for street trees	Flowers / Edible Fruit?	Description
Montmorency cherry (<i>Prunus cerasus</i>)	Fruit	10'/15'	Must be planted in yard	White flower/ cherry	A small deciduous fruit tree, blooms in mid-spring and produces fruit 3-5 years after planting. It is famous for its glossy red, sour tasting cherries, which are renowned for pie making.
Shore pine (<i>Pinus contorta</i> 'contorta')	Evergreen	40'/30'	12 ft.	n/a	A short, uniquely shaped native conifer that makes an excellent yard tree. A highly adaptable tree that thrives in poor soils, rocky sites, and even in boggy conditions. It's twisting, "contorted", trunk, branches and needles provide year-round interest.
Incense cedar (<i>Calocedrus decurrens</i>)	Evergreen	40'/10'	12 ft.	n/a	Lovely, lush and almost fluffy in appearance, this evergreen has glossy, bright green foliage and an upright, pyramidal growth habit. It is adaptable to a variety of growing conditions from wet to dry and will grow very quickly in sunny, moist areas. Its beauty and sweet smelling bark make it a great yard tree.
Douglas fir (<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>)	Evergreen	60'/15'	12 ft.	n/a	The classic Pacific Northwest evergreen conifer. Known for its noble, upright growth and lush needles which form a beautiful downward sweeping canopy. This tree needs plenty of room to grow.
Vine maple (<i>Acer circinatum</i>)	Deciduous	40'/30'	Must be planted in yard	n/a	A lush, multi-stemmed native maple species, this deciduous tree provides a variety of color and interest throughout the year. Great for ornamental planting or as a screen in yards. Its leaves open red in the spring and turn a pale, bright green when fully formed. Crimson red, winged fruit and brilliant fall color round out this tree's seasonal value.

Things to Consider When Selecting Your Tree

Choosing Your Tree

- Remember that many of these trees will get big! Read descriptions carefully and envision what the tree will look like in 30+ years before making your selections.
- Larger trees provide greater benefits to your neighborhood and our environment. Large trees absorb more water, 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.
- **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. For sites under power lines, select trees from the trees "under power lines" list.
- Take time to evaluate potential planting sites on your property. The survival and health of a tree depends on how well it is suited to the location its planted. Before choosing your planting location, consider:
 - Placement (i.e. is there enough space for this tree when it grows up?),
 - Light (e.g. full sun, part sun, shade?),
 - Moisture,
 - Soil type (e.g. sand, clay).
- All trees will be planted by residents. Do you or someone you know need physical assistance planting a tree? Contact us to see if you apply for our assistance program.

Selecting Street Trees

- To plant a tree in your planting strip along the street, you must obtain a permit from Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT). Please indicate that you plan to plant a street tree on your application and we will apply for this permit on your behalf. The permitting process is as follows:
 1. **Mark your street trees on your application.** All street tree applications must be submitted by August 25th. Provide some notes about where you would like to plant the tree, e.g. "I would like to plant the parrotia along 49th Ave on the north side of the driveway".
 2. **Obtain a permit.** In early September, we will initiate a Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) permit on your behalf. **Note-** Not all street tree applicants will be permitted as many trees will have long waitlists.
 3. **Mark underground utilities.** An SDOT arborist will contact Washington 811 to mark underground utilities in your planting strip. The arborist will return to your site in September and make a decision about your street tree planting request. If permitted, the arborist will drive a stake in each location for street tree planting—please leave these stakes in the ground! You do not need to be present for these visits.

4. **Permit notifications.** In late September, SDOT will send us all of their street tree decisions and Seattle reLeaf will contact all applicants with permitting decisions.
 5. **CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!** The week before attending the planting workshop, you are responsible for contacting Washington 811 and submitting a ticket to dig your planting hole in the designated location. We will provide you a URL for submitting this dig ticket.
Note- By the terms of your permit, you must plant the tree in the same location as the stake.
- 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.
 - We cannot remove concrete / pavement to create new tree planting locations. If you are planning to remove concrete / pavement yourself, that work must be coordinated with the Department of Transportation. Call 206-684-TREE for more information.

Application Approval and Tree Pickup Information

- 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 before applying for trees through the program.
- You must be present at the planting and care workshop to pick up your tree(s). Indicate which date you are available to attend the workshop on the application.
- You are responsible for transporting your trees from the pickup site to your home. You may need to rent or borrow a pickup truck if you have a small vehicle or are picking up numerous trees. Remember that having more passengers in the car means less space for trees!
- The trees will be in 5, 7, or 10 gallon containers and are generally 4-6 feet tall. Staff will help you 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!
- All trees should be planted within 1-2 weeks after receiving them.
- Your young trees will not survive the dry summer without watering. Water bags will be provided to help you care for your trees in the summer.

Contact us with additional questions or if you need help selecting your trees!

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2014 TREES FOR NEIGHBORHOODS APPLICATION

This application may also be completed online at www.seattle.gov/trees/treesforneighborhoods.htm. All applications are due by October 10th. Street tree applications must be submitted by August 25th.

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

EMAIL:* _____

**Email is our primary communication method. Your email will be used for this program only.*

IS THIS A RENTAL PROPERTY? Yes No

IF YES, ARE YOU THE OWNER? No, I am the renter Yes, I am the owner

PREFERRED TREE PICKUP DATE (please check one):

Sunday, October 19; 9 am – 2 pm Saturday, November 1; 10 am – 2 pm

All tree pickup and planting workshops will be held at:

University of Washington’s Center for Urban Horticulture: 3501 NE 41st St., Seattle, 98195
 Stop by anytime during open hours. Expect to be there for 1 hour.

TREES* (Limit 4 per household):

Species	Quantity**	Street tree? (Y/N)***
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

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

**Limit 1 cherry tree per household

***Cherry trees may not be planted as street trees.

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

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 Seattle Public Utilities
 PO Box 34027
 Seattle, WA 98124-4018