

Trees for Neighborhoods 2015

Seattle reLeaf
Trees for Neighborhoods



Trees for Neighborhoods helps Seattle residents plant trees around their homes. Since 2009, Trees for Neighborhoods has helped residents plant over 5,300 trees in yard and along neighborhood streets. Join the movement this year and apply for trees for you home!

Why 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

Plant a Tree Through Trees for Neighborhoods!

With Trees for Neighborhoods, you receive:

- Free trees!
- Watering bags
- Training on proper tree planting and care
- Mulch
- Ongoing care reminders
- Workshop opportunities

2015 Tree Species:

Great trees for your yard:

- Comice pear (*Pyrus communis*)
- Bald cypress (*Taxodium distichum*)
- Grand fir (*Abies grandis*)
- Serbian spruce (*Picea omorika*)
- Western redcedar (*Thuja plicata*)
- Western hemlock (*Tsuga heterophylla*)

Trees appropriate for planting under power lines (<25 feet):

- Goldenrain tree (*Koelreuteria paniculata*)
- Japanese tree lilac (*Syringa reticulata* 'Ivory Silk')
- Galaxy magnolia (*Magnolia* 'Galaxy')
- Persian parrotia (*Parrotia persica*)

Trees to plant along the street (not under power lines):

- Willow oak (*Quercus phellos*)
- Millstone Japanese pagoda tree (*Sophora japonica* 'Halka')
- Frontier elm (*Ulmus* 'Frontier')

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.

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

Street Tree Applications Due: August 24th

Yard Tree Applications Due: October 9th

Please note trees are approved on a first come first served basis and do sell out quickly. Apply early!



Important Dates 2015

August 3

Applications available at
www.Seattle.gov/trees

August 24

Deadline for street tree applications

October 9

Deadline for yard tree applications

October 24 or November 8

Attend a planting workshop and pick up your trees!

2015 AVAILABLE TREES (Limit 4 trees per household – visit www.seattle.gov/trees/availabletrees.htm for photos and more information)

UNDER POWERLINES	Evergreen or Deciduous	Approx. Height / Spread	Min. planting strip width for street trees	Flowers / Edible Fruit?	Description
Goldenrain tree <i>(Koelreuteria paniculata)</i>	Deciduous	30'/30'	5 ft.	Showy bright yellow flower clusters	This vase-shaped tree makes an excellent street tree, especially under power lines. The tree's bright yellow flowers are showy and bloom from July to August. In fall the tree's foliage turns bright yellow and its flowers are replaced by bright orange lantern-like seedpods at the end of the branches.
Japanese tree lilac <i>(Syringa reticulata</i> 'Ivory Silk')	Deciduous	25'/15'	5 ft.	Creamy white flowers	Beautiful street or yard tree that works well under power lines. Tree provides a lovely show of white flowers in May to early June. The tree also has attractive reddish-brown bark for winter interest.
Persian parrotia <i>(Parrotia persica)</i>	Deciduous	25'/25'	5 ft.	n/a	A small deciduous tree with beautiful fall 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.
Galaxy Magnolia <i>(Magnolia 'Galaxy')</i>	Deciduous	25'/25'	5 ft.	Red-purple and slightly fragrant blossoms.	Gorgeous dark red-purple flowers and a narrow upright form make it an excellent street tree, especially under overhead wires. Great in narrow spaces and smaller landscapes!
STREET TREES	Evergreen or Deciduous	Approx. Height / Spread	Min. planting strip width for street trees	Flowers / Edible Fruit?	Description
Willow oak <i>(Quercus phellos)</i>	Deciduous	60'/40'	6 ft.	n/a	A strong and beautiful street tree with willow-like leaves that performs very well in the urban environment.
Millstone Japanese pagoda tree <i>(Sophora japonica</i> 'Halka')	Deciduous	45'/35'	5 ft.	Small white clusters in late summer	A pretty oval-shaped street tree with late summer flowers and attractive fall foliage.

Frontier elm (<i>Ulmus 'Frontier'</i>)	Deciduous	40'/30'	6 ft.	n/a	Fast growing vase-shaped tree with beautiful red-purple fall color. This is a great street tree!
YARD TREES	Evergreen or Deciduous	Approx. Height / Spread	Min. planting strip width for street trees	Flowers / Edible Fruit?	Description
Comice pear (<i>Pyrus communis</i>)	Fruit	35'/25'	Must be planted in yard	White blooms in spring	European pear tree that produces delicious tasting fruit and attracts butterflies. While it can be self-fertile, plant near other pear trees to promote pollination. This pear tree needs space to grow, so be sure to plant away from your house or other structures.
Bald cypress (<i>Taxodium distichum</i>)	Deciduous	60'/30'	8 ft.	n/a	Native to the swamplands of the Southeastern US, this deciduous conifer is a very adaptable urban tree. Its rich green summer foliage turns brilliant copper orange in fall, shedding in winter to display its showy fibrous red bark.
Grand fir (<i>Abies grandis</i>)	Evergreen	90'/35'	12 ft.	n/a	Native to Seattle, the grand fir is truly grand. This conifer's narrow habit and rounded top makes it a beautiful yard tree when given room to grow.
Serbian spruce (<i>Picea omorika</i>)	Evergreen	50'/20'	6 ft.	n/a	Considered by many to be one of the most attractive spruces, this narrow and graceful conifer has arching branches and flattened bright green needles with silvery undersides. The tree is a great choice for the yard or along the street.
Western hemlock (<i>Tsuga heterophylla</i>)	Evergreen	90'/30'	12 ft.	n/a	Washington's state tree, the Western hemlock is a large handsome evergreen native with graceful down-sweeping branches and feathery foliage.
Western redcedar (<i>Thuja plicata</i>)	Evergreen	90'/30'	12 ft.	n/a	Is there anything more emblematic of the Pacific Northwest than the Western redcedar? Native to Seattle, this tree has beautiful evergreen foliage, cinnamon-red bark, and a strong pyramidal form.

For photos and more information about each tree, please visit www.seattle.gov/trees/treesforneighborhoods.htm.

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. 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.** For sites under power lines, select trees from the “trees appropriate 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 its planting location. 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 requirements
 - 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.
- 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.
- **Street Tree Permitting Process**
 1. **Mark your street trees on your application.** All street tree applications must be submitted by August 24th. Provide some notes about where you would like to plant the tree (especially if you live on a corner lot), 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 because of utility or structural conflicts.
 3. **Mark underground utilities.** An SDOT arborist will contact Washington 811 to mark underground utilities in your planting strip. The arborist will visit 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. **Note-** By the terms of your permit, you must plant the tree in the same location as the stake.
 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-** It is against the law to dig a hole without contacting 811.
- 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.

Questions? Call (206) 684-3979 or email TreesforNeighborhoods@Seattle.gov

2015 TREES FOR NEIGHBORHOODS APPLICATION

This application may also be completed online at www.seattle.gov/trees/treesforneighborhoods.htm starting August 3rd. Street tree applications must be submitted by August 25th. Yard tree requests must be submitted by October 9th.

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

EMAIL:* _____

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

PREFERRED TREE PICKUP DATE (please check one):

Saturday, October 24; 9 am – 2 pm

Sunday, November 8; 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 or less.

TREES (Limit 4 per household).

Species	Quantity*	Street tree? (Yes/No)**
1.		
2.		
3.		
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*Limit 1 Comice pear per household

**Comice pears may not be planted as street trees.

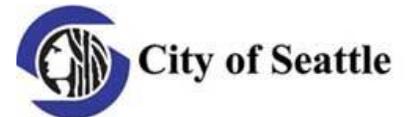
RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

Trees for Neighborhoods c/o Katie Gibbons
Seattle Public Utilities
PO Box 34018
Seattle, WA 98124-4018

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