

Trees for Neighborhoods 2016



Thanks for your interest in applying for trees through Trees for Neighborhoods. Through Trees for Neighborhoods, participants receive:

- Free Trees
- Watering Bags
- Training on proper planting and care
- Ongoing tree care reminders
- Pruning workshop opportunities

Applying for Trees:

Please read through the following planting considerations before completing your application. You can either choose to complete the enclosed paper application and mail it in or complete the online application available on our website at www.seattle.gov/trees. Please submit your application by Wednesday, August 10th. This year's application is a lottery; applications will be processed once the lottery round closes on August 10th and will contact you with the status of your tree request. If your application is approved, you will sign up to attend a planting and care workshop next fall to pick-up your trees.

Planting Considerations

A well placed tree can help conserve energy, provide a visual screen, and provide years of beauty. However, a tree placed in the wrong place can be harmful and potentially expensive! The small tree you plant today will someday grow tall and its roots may be as expansive as the tree's branches. Make sure you select a location with adequate room to allow your tree to grow above and below ground. Before selecting your tree, take time to consider the following:

- **Tree size at maturity.** Many of these trees will get big! Read this year's tree descriptions carefully and envision what the tree will look like in 30+ years *before* making your selections.
- **Tree shape/form.** Small, spreading trees that are multi-stemmed require regular pruning when planted near a sidewalk or road. Upright trees can be better trained to grow over pedestrian and road traffic.
- **Maximize the benefits with a large tree.** 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. If you have the space, consider one of our native evergreen conifers which will maximize the benefits to you and your neighborhood.
- **Do not plant a tall tree under overhead power lines!** Trees planted under power lines should not reach a maximum height greater than 25 feet.
- **Evaluate the planting site.** Take time to evaluate potential planting sites on your property. The survival and health of a tree depends on how well suited it is to the site. Before choosing your site, consider available planting space, overhead and underground utilities, surrounding trees and structures (e.g. your house and driveway), and light.
- **Soil type.** What type of soil is present? Is the soil sandy or more clay-like? This will influence drainage, which should influence your tree selection. Is the soil compacted? Compacted soil can lead to poor drainage so you'll need to select a water-loving tree. You can test your soil's drainage by digging a hole 12 inches deep, filling it with water, and checking back one hour later.
- **Street trees v. yard trees.** To plant a tree in your planting strip you must obtain a permit from the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT). When you participate in Trees for Neighborhoods, we will apply for this permit on your behalf. Just be sure to indicate that you plant to plant a street tree on your application. Trees planted in your yard do not require a permit.

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

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2016 Trees for Neighborhoods Application



NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS WHERE TREE WILL BE PLANTED: _____

MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT): _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS(ES):* _____

**Email is our primary communication method.*

PREFERRED TREE PICKUP DATE (please check one):

Sunday, October 23; 9 am – 2 pm

Saturday, November 5; 9 am – 2 pm

All tree pickup and planting workshops will be held at:

University of Washington's Botanic Gardens: 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.		
4.		

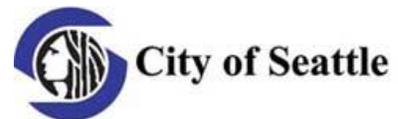
*Only 1 fig tree per household

**Fig trees and baby blue spruce may not be planted as street trees.

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION BY AUGUST 10TH TO:

Trees for Neighborhoods c/o Katie Beaver
Seattle Public Utilities
700 5TH Ave, Suite 4900
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