

CITY TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

How to Participate

City of Huntington residents can participate in no-cost neighborhood tree planting along the right-of-way of city streets or the adjacent tree lawn. Tree lawns are the strip of grass or plants between the sidewalk and pavement.

Residents can sign up to be part of the free program by contacting Public Works and Engineering Services at 260-356-1400.

Program Benefits

For over 20 years, the city of Huntington is proud to have the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA designation. Planting trees benefits our community in numerous ways:

- + Tree-lined streets increase neighborhood property values. Trees add shade and beauty.
- + Trees improve air quality by removing pollutants and absorbing carbon dioxide from the air.
- + Trees improve water quality by retaining and filtering particles from storm water. By slowing runoff and improving surface drainage, trees reduce water treatment costs and soil erosion.
- + Strategically placed trees can reduce building cooling costs and energy consumption.

This brochure contains information pertaining to the City of Huntington's Neighborhood Tree Planting Program. It includes information on free tree planting and maintenance for residential street tree lawns and right-of-ways.

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GET CONNECTED

For additional information contact Public Works & Engineering Services at 260-356-1400.



CITY APPROVED TREE LIST

Small Trees for Under Power Lines – Less than 25 feet (3-4 feet from pavement)

1. Winter King Thornless Hawthorn (*Crataegus viridis*)
2. Service Berry (*Amelanchier arborea*)
3. Flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*)
4. Eastern Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)
5. Ironwood/hophornbeam (*Ostrya virginiana*)
6. Star Magnolia (*Magnolia stellata*)

Medium Trees – 25-50 feet (5-6 feet from pavement)

1. Linden (*Tilia cordata* varieties: Redmond, Greenspire, Glenleven)
2. Red Maple (*Acer rubrum* varieties: Bowhall, Red Sunset, October Glory)
3. Pacific Sunset Maple (*Acer truncatum x plantinoides* 'Warrenred')
4. Sweet Gum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*)

Large Trees – 50+ feet (at least 8 feet from pavement)

1. Sugar Maples (*Acer saccharum* varieties: Green Mountain, Legacy, etc.)
2. Red Oak (*Quercus rubrum*)
3. Homestead Elm (*Ulmus* 'Homestead')
4. Accolade Elm (*Ulmus japonica x wilsoniana* 'Morton')
5. White Oak (*Quercus alba*)
6. Tulip Tree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*)
7. Scarlet Oak (*Quercus coccinea*)

STREET TREE CARE & MAINTENANCE

The City of Huntington strives to choose trees based on their potential to thrive. However, *all new street trees depend greatly on the actions of residents for survival*

Caring for Street Trees

Weekly watering during the tree's first year is recommended. One inch of water per week from rainfall and/or supplemental watering is preferred. During years 2-3, water as needed by checking soil moisture.

After initial planting, cover the planting area with a thin layer of mulch - 2 to 3 inches deep - without allowing mulch to touch the tree trunk. Mulch helps conserve soil moisture and reduce weeds.

Do not apply fertilizer during the first growing season.

In general, pruning should be minimal. Prune only damaged, diseased or dead branches.

If a street tree is severely damaged, contact Public Works & Engineering Services at 260-356-1400.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

+ The Arbor Day Foundation at www.arborday.org provides detailed information including pictures and videos on purchasing, planting and caring for trees.

+ Purdue Extension's tree installation brochure at www.extension.purdue.edu/extmedia/FNR/FNR-433-W.pdf provides detailed information on tree planting and initial care. More information can also be found at the Extension's local website at www.extension.purdue.edu/huntington.

+ The Indiana Invasive Species Council at www.entm.purdue.edu/iisc/invasiveplants.php provides information on invasive trees and plants to avoid purchasing or planting.

+ Call 811 before you dig to locate underground utility lines or visit www.811now.com



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