



Tree Planting Programs

The City of Cambridge has a variety of programs available for residents interested in adding trees to public spaces around their buildings and homes.

Replacing Existing Trees

If a tree was removed from a well in front of your house, it can be replaced at no expense to you. Call **617.349.4051** and leave your name, address, and phone number. The City Arborist will contact you about a replacement.

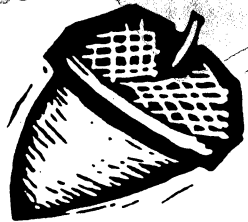
Requesting a New Tree Planting

If you've never had a sidewalk tree in front of your house or building, you may be able to participate in the *Client Tree Program*. The cost for a new tree is \$140. Call **617.349.4051** and leave your name, address, ZIP code, and phone number. An application will be mailed to you.

Commemorative Tree Program

The *Commemorative Tree Program* is another option for people or organizations to honor a person, significant life event, or other idea. Your cost for a commemorative tree planting is \$200. For a brochure with more information on this program, call **617.349.4051**.

Plantings generally take place in spring, or in fall when necessary. All street trees depend on the help of residents for weeding and watering. For new street trees, weekly watering and weeding is critical for their survival. Read further in this brochure for tips on caring for new and existing trees.



Tree Pruning Cycles

In 1999, the Department of Public Works launched an ambitious, wide-scale street tree pruning program, with a goal of visiting every tree once every four years.

Pruning helps create better looking, safer and healthier trees. It also reduces obstructions of street signs and lighting, and reduces the threat posed by dead limbs. The program also allows for a regular, systemized update of the city's tree database and a streamlining of removal and replacement.

By the end of 2002, nearly 80% of the city's 15,000 public trees will have been pruned. In coming years, the second cycle of pruning will begin, with year-by-year progress through all 13 city neighborhoods. In 2006, the second cycle will be complete.



How to Care For Trees

Caring for Street Trees

As noted, city trees depend greatly on residents for weeding and watering; newly planted trees especially so. Place a hose running at a slow trickle until the ground is well-soaked. "Tree Gators" can also work well: nylon and plastic bladders that can be attached to your tree and filled with water. Client Tree or Commemorative Tree Program participants can get a tree gator from the Department of Public Works. Call **617.349.4051**. Replacement trees are also eligible.

Caring for Private Property Trees

A decision to plant trees includes a commitment to care for and maintain them:

- Hire an ISA or Mass. certified arborist for care.
- Choose the best tree for your space, keeping in mind the mature size of the tree, aesthetic concerns, and landscaping needs.
- Water – don't overwater – during growth season
- Fertilizer isn't tree food; don't over-fertilize.
- Apply 3-4 inches of organic mulch/compost mix 6 inches away from the base. Extend the mix to the length of the branches, or as far as practical.
- *Don't* rent a chainsaw and ladder to prune or remove your large shade trees yourself.
- *Don't* hire inexperienced, non-licensed arborists.
- *Don't* plant large species trees in confined areas or too close to buildings. Remember, they grow!
- *Don't* over-mulch.

■ For a list of local arboricultural firms, call the City Arborist at **617.349.6433**. Leave your mailing address or fax number.



About Street Trees

Every year, the City of Cambridge adds around 300 trees to residential streets. Placement of the trees can provide many benefits to city residents.

- Trees lower street and sidewalk temperatures in summer months.
- Shade trees can reduce air conditioning costs and help cleanse the air of diesel and dust particles.
- Trees absorb carbon dioxide, which helps ease the negative effects of greenhouse gasses.
- Tree roots help hold stormwater in soil.
- Tree-lined streets encourage motorists to drive slower.²
- Tree leaves and roots filter particles from stormwater, improving water quality.
- Trees significantly enhance property values.

The City Arborist oversees the health and maintenance of these trees throughout the year.

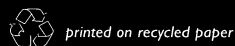
For more information on how to keep Cambridge green, call **617.349.4880**.

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Residential Street Tree Planting and Care

How the City's tree planting programs beautify, and how to care for your local trees...



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Official Request Form:

Today's Date: _____

Requestor's Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

I/we would like to honor

Name: _____

Relation: _____

Requested planting site: _____

The City of Cambridge can send official notification of your gift if you choose:

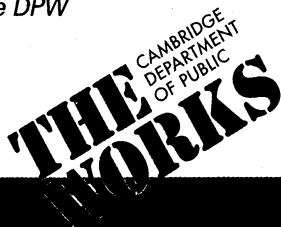
Notify (name:) _____

Address: _____

*The \$200 for each request can be made with checks payable to **The City of Cambridge.***

*Send payment and completed application to:
City Arborist, Cambridge DPW
147 Hampshire Street
Cambridge, MA 02139*

*...or call **617.349.6433***



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Commemorative Tree Planting



Remember those who matter most by sponsoring a tree planting in the City of Cambridge...



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The City of Cambridge Commemorative Tree Program provides individuals, groups, clubs and organizations with the opportunity to enhance the city with trees that honor people, ideas, the earth... whatever you choose.

It's a truly unique and lasting way to celebrate significant life events: birthdays, retirements, memorials. The gift can also be a testament to a caring community.

These private gifts help accelerate the city's own tree planting programs, with the goal of continued beautification of the city and creation of a sustainable urban forest.

The cost of a commemorative tree is \$200. This includes the purchase of a 2-3 inch caliper tree and a registry with information about the commemoration. The attractive, leatherbound registration book will be located in the City Clerk's Office for public viewing.

For more information, contact
City Arborist
147 Hampshire Street
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If you'd prefer, an order form is on the back of this brochure.

Species and planting sites will be determined by the City Arborist in consultation with the wishes of the donors.

Listed below is a selection of large, medium, and small trees available as part of the Commemorative Tree Program:

■ **Large**

Japanese Zelkova

(Zelkova serrata "Greenvase")

This lovely vase-shaped tree is an excellent substitute for the American Elm.

Red Maple

(Acer rubrum "October Glory")

Orange to red fall color.

■ **Medium to Large**

Turkish Filbert

(Corylus colurna)

Exfoliating bark, with a pyramidal to round shape. Displays excellent drought tolerance.

Hardy Rubber Tree

(Eucomia ulmoides)

Virtually pest free, with dark green foliage. Has a broad, spreading shape.

■ **Small to Medium**

Goldenrain Tree

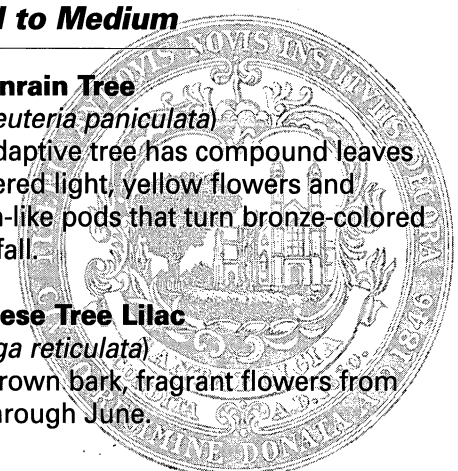
(Koelreuteria paniculata)

This adaptive tree has compound leaves for filtered light, yellow flowers and lantern-like pods that turn bronze-colored in the fall.

Japanese Tree Lilac

(Syringa reticulata)

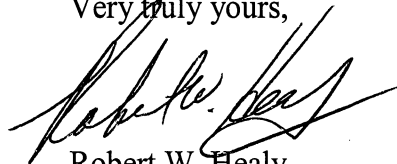
Dark brown bark, fragrant flowers from May through June.



- In addition, the City has a number of tree planting programs that in the coming months we will be putting renewed efforts into promoting. The Commemorative Tree Program provides an opportunity for people to enhance a public area of the city with trees that honor people, a significant life event, or other idea; the cost is \$200. In addition residents are able to request trees through the Residential Street Tree Planting Program. If there has never been a sidewalk tree in front of a house or building, a resident may be able to participate in the Client Tree Program; for a modest cost (\$140), a tree may be planted. If a tree was removed from a well in front of a house, it may be replaced at no charge to the resident. Newly developed brochures on *Commemorative Tree Planting* and *Residential Street Tree Planting and Care* are attached.

The City will continue to work on programs to enhance the beautification efforts in the City.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", written in a cursive style.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

Attachment



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Robert W. Healy, City Manager *Richard C. Rossi, Deputy City Manager*

October 7, 2002

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report # 02-49 regarding programs to assist residents with the purchase and planting of flowering trees and shrubs, and easy access to bulbs for perennial flowers or annuals, Public Works Commissioner Lisa Peterson reports the following:

There are multiple efforts established or being pursued to improve beautification efforts and assist homeowners in planting flowers, trees and shrubs.

- The City has worked out a cooperative arrangement with Pemberton Garden Center for Cambridge residents to receive a 10% discount on selected material (spring bulbs purchased this fall and annual and perennial plants purchased in the spring of 2003). In future years, we will pursue rotating the garden center. We will promote this discount in the following manner: a notice will be in the October 9th Cambridge Chronicle and on the Web; notice will also be posted at Pemberton Garden Center and other strategic locations e.g. grocery stores, libraries.
- The Department of Public Works (DPW) will continue to provide plant material and assistance to residents who are willing to cultivate and maintain public spaces. Interested residents should contact the Parks Division at 349-4880.
- We will continue to explore the possibility of offering discounted material as a means of encouraging people to plant trees on the sidewalk edge of private property.
- The DPW is also pursuing the possibility of directly offering residents a reduced cost for spring bulbs purchased in large quantities.

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Consent Agenda #7

Awaiting Report Item

Number 02-49, regarding a report on programs to assist residents with the purchase and planting of flowering trees and shrubs, and easy access to bulbs for perennial flowers or annuals.

In City Council October 7, 2002

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