

Keep Cheltenham beautiful: Plant a shade tree!

Cheltenham Township supports local Tree Tenders groups to help residents plant shade trees. You can order trees now to be planted November 19-20 by a team of volunteers led by trained Tree-Tenders. Cost is \$60 for trees planted within 10' of the street or sidewalk, and \$100 for trees planted in other locations. Our partner, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, subsidizes these 8'-12' tall bare-root trees, which are quick to establish and easy to plant.



Available trees are listed on the back. Contact Mindy Lemoine at nowtonext@msn.com or 215-694-0231 for a version of this form with links to more information on each tree. Contact Mindy if you have questions. Select the largest tree suitable for your yard, as they provide the most benefit for slowing down stormwater, giving birds a home, and cooling our homes. Mark your first, second and third choices, and return to Mindy at 229 Buttonwood Way, Glenside, 19038 by September 12 with a check. Attach a sketch of your yard and show location of new tree. Order early, as some trees are in short supply and the number of trees we can order is limited.

The goal of the Tree-Tenders program is to plant large to medium shade trees. Some small trees are available only for people with very small yards. Contact Mindy for more information. Otherwise please purchase from local nurseries.

Tree survival is not guaranteed, although these bare-root trees have a great survival rate if properly planted and cared for. [Tree Diapers](#) (a slow-release hydration system) are highly recommended and are available for \$27 each. (Retail cost is \$42)

Your responsibilities

- Identify a planting location, preferably within 10-15 feet of the street and not under wires. Make a simple sketch of your lot and the location of the tree below.
- Include a check made out to Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. Cost is \$60 for trees within 10' of the sidewalk or street, and \$100 for trees in other locations. Add \$27 for each Tree Diaper
- We will dig the planting hole, plant the tree properly, and leave it ready for your loving care.
- Water the tree deeply every week for the first two growing seasons, unless more than an inch of rain falls. You don't need to water when the ground is frozen. Careful watering is crucial for your tree's survival!
- Provide a bag of mulch for planting day. Keep the tree mulched and protect it from damage from mowers or string trimmers.
- If possible, participate in digging the hole and planting the tree.

Your name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone number and email _____

Trees ordered, and amount paid _____

Tree Diapers ordered, and amount paid: _____

Large trees (over 50' mature height)

____ [Acer Saccharum 'Green Mountain'](#) Sugar Maple. 70x40. Rounded form; leathery leaves don't tatter; heat tolerant, thus climate change appropriate. Not salt-tolerant.

____ [Celtis Occidentalis X Laevigata 'Magnifica'](#) 50' x 40'. Oval form develops into vase shape like American elm with age; corky bark; hybrid has faster growth and better insect resistance than parents; urban adaptable; tolerates adverse and variable conditions such as heat, wind, dryness, salt, and alkaline soil; wildlife value.

____ [Corylus Colurna](#) Turkish Filbert. 50x30 Tolerates alkaline urban soils; no disease or insect problems; good candidate for a street tree.

____ [Gymnocladus Dioicus](#) Kentucky Coffeetree. 75x50-60. Large seed pods; slow/medium growth rate; awkward youth but gorgeous adulthood; adaptable to poor and urban soils; salt, heat, and drought tolerance - said to be a climate change survivor; little pruning needed

____ [Gymnocladus Dioicus 'Espresso'](#) Kentucky Coffeetree. 60x30. Seedless male cultivar; upright, arching branches present elm-like form; slow growing and awkward youth but gorgeous adulthood; clean branching; adaptable to poor and urban soils; heat and drought tolerance - said to be a climate change survivor.

____ [Metasequoia Glyptostrobooides](#) Dawn Redwood 70-100x25 Pyramidal, low branched; need lots of room; FAST growing; grows best in moist, well-drained, slightly acidic soil and full sun; few serious insect or disease problems; deciduous conifer known in fossil records as far back as 65 million years ago, but thought to be extinct until it found growing in China.

____ [Platanus X Acerifolia 'Exclamation'](#) London Planetree. 55x35. Upright pyramidal; strong central leader; urban tolerant, resistant to anthracnose and frost cracking.

____ [Quercus bicolor](#). Swamp White Oak. 60' x 40'. Street or lawn, rounded; tolerates wet, dry and compacted soil, and some salt exposure. exfoliating bark; 1" acorns; prefers acid soil.

____ [Quercus Robur X Macro. 'Heritage'](#) Heritage Oak. 50x40 Broadly pyramidal; strong central leader; adaptable to dry and moist sites; mildew resistant leaves; great street tree; cross between bur and English oak.

____ [Tilia Americana 'Redmondi'](#) American Linden. 65x30. Pyramidal form, good street or lawn tree, tolerates dry soil, variable pH, fragrant flower, glossy foliage.

____ [Tilia Americana](#) American Linden. 70x40. Great shade and fragrant pollinator tree; adaptable and tolerant of shade and various soils and pH levels; sensitive to heat, soil compaction, and salt; prune for structure; moderate growth; various diseases and pests.

____ [Ulmus X 'Accolade'](#) (very limited) Hybrid Elm. 70x60. Vase form reminiscent of American elm; good street and shade tree; resistant to elm leaf beetle, Dutch Elm Disease, and phloem necrosis; drought tolerant..

____ [Ulmus X 'New Horizon'](#) (very limited) Hybrid Elm. 55x40. Oval; good street and shade tree; compact form; tolerant of Dutch elm disease and phloem necrosis

Medium trees (30' to 50' mature height)

____ [Cladrastis kentukea Yellowwood](#). 40' x 35'. Broadly rounded form, may have low branching; climate change adaptable; full sun; white pendulous fragrant flowers; small seedpods; prune only in summer

____ [Gleditsia T.I. 'Skyline'](#) Honeylocust. 45x35. Rounded habit, nearly seedless, good branching habit, fast growth, salt tolerant, full sun, few seedpods. Broadly pyramidal; good central leader; uniform habit; has high potential to lift sidewalk so prepare wide pits if planting as a street tree.

____ [Halesia Carolina](#) ** Carolina Silverbell. 35x25. Rounded; prefers acidic, organic, moist, well-drained soil; pest resistant.

____ [Robinia 'Purple Robe'](#) Black Locust. 30-45x35. Oval; very showy hanging clusters of pink flowers late spring; fast growing, drought, and salt tolerant; some have thorns though some are thornless; potential borer.

____ [Tilia Tomentosa 'Sterling'](#) ** (very limited) . Silver Linden. 45x35. Resists Japanese beetles & gypsy moth; silver under leaf; good street tree; high drought tolerance.

____ [Quercus Muehlenbergii](#) ** (limited) Chinkapin Oak 40-50x50-60. Can get 70-90' tall on loose, bottomland soils; older trees develop open, rounded form; best for large open spaces; slow-medium growth; grown best in moist, alkaline soils and full sun; tolerates clay and dry sites; good pest/disease resistance; 1" acorns

** Use with caution. Exceptional planting technique and early care advised. Species considered moderately difficult to plant as bare root.

Many of the trees offered are native or cultivars of native trees.