

City of Chicago Street Tree Planting Program

In 2005, the Bureau of Forestry will plant 4,000 trees throughout the City of Chicago. The benefits of trees are numerous and are increasingly important to the achievement of Mayor Daley's objective of a cleaner, greener environment. For more than 160 years, *Urbs in Horto* ("City in a Garden") has been Chicago's motto. The Bureau of Forestry is working diligently to make Chicago's garden a better and more beautiful place for our residents, their children and their children's children.

The benefits of a Street Tree Planting Program include:

- Improved Air Quality
- Reduction of Emissions
- Reduction of the "Urban Heat Island" Effect
- Reduction of Smog
- Reduction of Green House Gasses
- Noise Abatement
- Increased Psychological Well Being
- Improved Aesthetics
- Increased Property Values
- Provision of Wildlife Habitat
- Storm Water Attenuation

You can help the City in a Garden flourish by requesting a tree planting at your home or work place. Anyone seeking a new parkway tree should call the city's non-emergency number at 311. If dialing from an area outside the city limits, 311 can be reached by dialing (312)744-5000. All Service Requests are handled in the order in which they are received.

Once your request is received, your planting site will be investigated by Forestry Staff. A card will be left if the Bureau of Forestry determines appropriate planting sites are present. Before planting can begin, a message must be left at (312)742-8733 to confirm that you still would like the new tree to be planted. The Street Tree Planting Program is divided into two seasons, the spring planting season and the fall planting season. The exact timing of each season varies based on weather and ground temperatures.

Please understand that certain species may not be available for planting at the time of your request but that every effort will be made to accommodate your second and third preference.

Please scroll down to review a list of commonly planted species within the City of Chicago.

City of Chicago Urban Tree Planting List											
Tree Species		Planting Site					Other				
Common Name	Scientific Name										
						City parkway	Sidewalk cut out	Private property	Under wires	Salt tolerant	Spring planting best
	Genus	Species	Cultivar								
White fir	<i>Abies</i>	<i>concolor</i>						●			
Hedge maple	<i>Acer</i>	<i>campestre</i>				●		●	●	●	●
Amur maple	<i>Acer</i>	<i>ginnala</i>	'Flame'			●		●	●	●	
Miyabe maple	<i>Acer</i>	<i>miyabei</i>				●		●	●		
State Street miyabe maple	<i>Acer</i>	<i>miyabei</i>	State Street™					●	●		
Crimson king maple	<i>Acer</i>	<i>platanoides</i>	'Crimson King'			●		●			
Deborah Norway maple	<i>Acer</i>	<i>platanoides</i>	'Deborah'			●		●		●	
Emerald Luster maple	<i>Acer</i>	<i>platanoides</i>	Emerald Lustre™			●		●			
Satisfaction maple	<i>Acer</i>	<i>platanoides x truncatum</i>	'Satisfaction'			●		●	●		
Silver queen maple	<i>Acer</i>	<i>saccharinum</i>	'Silver Queen'			●	●	●		●	
Skinner cutleaf silver maple	<i>Acer</i>	<i>saccharinum</i>	'Skinner'			●	●	●			
Green mountain sugar maple	<i>Acer</i>	<i>saccharum</i>	Green Mountain®			●		●			
Tatarian maple	<i>Acer</i>	<i>tataricum</i>				●		●	●		
Norwegian sunset maple	<i>Acer</i>	<i>truncatum</i>	Norwegian Sunset'			●		●	●		
Shantung maple	<i>Acer</i>	<i>truncatum</i>	Pacific Sunset™			●		●	●		
Autumn blaze maple	<i>Acer</i>	<i>x freemanii</i>	Autumn Blaze®			●		●			
Marmo maple	<i>Acer</i>	<i>x freemanii</i>	'Marmo'			●		●			
Sienna maple	<i>Acer</i>	<i>x freemanii</i>	'Sienna'			●		●	●		
Ohio buckeye	<i>Aesculus</i>	<i>glabra</i>				●	●	●			
Baumannii horsechestnut	<i>Aesculus</i>	<i>hippocastanum</i>	'Baumannii'			●		●		●	
Yellow buckeye	<i>Aesculus</i>	<i>octandra</i>				●	●	●			●
European black alder	<i>Alnus</i>	<i>glutinosa</i>				●		●			
Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier</i>	<i>laevis</i>				●		●	●		
River birch	<i>Betula</i>	<i>nigra</i>				●		●			●
River birch (multistem)	<i>Betula</i>	<i>nigra</i>						●			●
European Hornbeam	<i>Carpinus</i>	<i>betulus</i>				●		●			●
American Hornbeam	<i>Carpinus</i>	<i>caroliniana</i>				●		●	●		●
Shagbark Hickory	<i>Carya</i>	<i>ovata</i>						●			●
Chinese catalpa	<i>Catalpa</i>	<i>ovata</i>				●		●			
Northern catalpa	<i>Catalpa</i>	<i>speciosa</i>				●	●	●			
Sugarberry	<i>Celtis</i>	<i>laevigata</i>				●		●			

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Chicagoland hackberry	<i>Celtis</i>	<i>occidentalis</i>	'Chicagoland'	●	●	●			
Hackberry	<i>Celtis</i>	<i>occidentalis</i>		●	●	●			
Windy City hackberry	<i>Celtis</i>	<i>occidentalis</i>	'Windy City'	●	●	●			
Chinese hackberry	<i>Celtis</i>	<i>sinensis</i>		●		●			
Katsuratree	<i>Cercidiphyllum</i>	<i>japonicum</i>		●		●		●	
Eastern redbud	<i>Cercis</i>	<i>canadensis</i>		●		●	●	●	
Eastern redbud (white variety)	<i>Cercis</i>	<i>canadensis</i>	'Alba'	●		●	●	●	
Flowering dogwood	<i>Cornus</i>	<i>florida</i>		●		●	●	●	
Corneliancherry dogwood	<i>Cornus</i>	<i>mas</i>		●		●	●	●	
Turkish filbert	<i>Corylus</i>	<i>colurna</i>		●		●		●	
Cockspur hawthorn (thornless)	<i>Crataegus</i>	<i>crusgalli</i>	var. <i>inermis</i>	●		●	●		
Washington hawthorn	<i>Crataegus</i>	<i>phaenopyrum</i>				●	●		
Winter King hawthorn	<i>Crataegus</i>	<i>viridis</i>	Winter King'			●	●		
Hardy rubber tree	<i>Eucommia</i>	<i>ulmoides</i>				●			
Copper beech	<i>Fagus</i>	<i>sylvatica</i>	'Cuprea'			●		●	
Fernleaf beech	<i>Fagus</i>	<i>sylvatica</i>	'Asplenifolia'			●		●	
Magyar ginkgo	<i>Ginkgo</i>	<i>biloba</i>	'Magyar'	●	●	●			
Princeton sentry ginkgo	<i>Ginkgo</i>	<i>biloba</i>	'Princeton Sentry'	●	●	●			
Imperial honeylocust	<i>Gleditsia</i>	<i>triacanthos</i>	var. <i>inermis</i> 'Imperial'			●	●		
Shademaster honeylocust	<i>Gleditsia</i>	<i>triacanthos</i>	var. <i>inermis</i> 'Shademaster'			●	●		
Skyline honeylocust	<i>Gleditsia</i>	<i>triacanthos</i>	var. <i>inermis</i> 'Skyline'	●	●	●	●		
Kentucky coffeetree	<i>Gymnocladus</i>	<i>dioicus</i>		●	●	●	●		
Black walnut	<i>Juglans</i>	<i>nigra</i>				●	●	●	
Canaertii eastern redcedar	<i>Juniperus</i>	<i>virginiana</i>	'Canaertii'			●	●		
Eastern redcedar	<i>Juniperus</i>	<i>virginiana</i>				●	●		
Sweetgum	<i>Liquidambar</i>	<i>styraciflua</i>	'Moraine'	●	●	●			
Tulip tree	<i>Liriodendron</i>	<i>tulipifera</i>				●		●	
Cucumbertree magnolia	<i>Magnolia</i>	<i>acuminata</i>				●		●	
Baccata jackii crab	<i>Malus</i>	<i>baccata</i>	'Jackii'			●	●	●	
Beverly crab	<i>Malus</i>		'Beverly'			●	●	●	
Cardinal crab	<i>Malus</i>		'Cardinal'			●	●	●	
Red jewel crab	<i>Malus</i>		'Jewelcole'			●	●	●	
Prairie fire crab	<i>Malus</i>		'Prairifire'			●	●	●	

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Sargent crab	<i>Malus</i>	<i>sargentii</i>			●	●		●	
Golden raindrop crab	<i>Malus</i>	<i>transitoria</i>			●	●		●	
Zumi crab	<i>Malus</i>	<i>x zumi</i>			●	●		●	
Dawn redwood	<i>Metasequoia</i>	<i>glyptostroboides</i>	●	●	●				
Black gum	<i>Nyssa</i>	<i>sylvatica</i>			●			●	
Ironwood	<i>Ostrya</i>	<i>viriginiana</i>	●		●			●	
Amur corktree	<i>Phellodendron</i>	<i>amurense</i>	●		●	●		●	
Black hills spruce	<i>Picea</i>	<i>glauca</i>			●		●		
Serbian spruce	<i>Picea</i>	<i>omorika</i>			●		●		
Colorado blue spruce	<i>Picea</i>	<i>pungens</i>			●				
Austrian pine	<i>Pinus</i>	<i>nigra</i>			●		●		
London plane tree	<i>Platanus</i>	<i>x acerfolia</i>	●	●	●			●	
Robusta poplar	<i>Populus</i>	<i>deltoides</i>	●		●		●	●	
Siouxland poplar	<i>Populus</i>	<i>deltoides</i>	●		●		●	●	
Quaking aspen	<i>Populus</i>	<i>tremuloides</i>			●		●		
Canada red chokecherry	<i>Prunus</i>	<i>virginiana</i>	●	●	●				
Amur cherry	<i>Prunus</i>	<i>maackii</i>			●			●	
Aristocrat pear	<i>Pyrus</i>	<i>calleryana</i>	●	●	●			●	
Chanticleer pear	<i>Pyrus</i>	<i>calleryana</i>	●	●	●			●	
Fauriei pear	<i>Pyrus</i>	<i>calleryana</i>	●		●	●		●	
Redspire pear	<i>Pyrus</i>	<i>calleryana</i>	●	●	●			●	
Edgewood pear	<i>Pyrus</i>	<i>calleryana x betulaefolia</i>	●	●	●			●	
Sawtooth oak	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>acutissima</i>	●		●			●	
Crimson spire oak	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>alba x robur</i>	●	●	●			●	
Swamp white oak	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>bicolor</i>	●	●	●			●	
Hungarian oak	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>frainetto</i>	●		●			●	
Shingle oak	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>imbricaria</i>	●		●			●	
Burr oak	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>macrocarpa</i>	●		●			●	
Chinkapin oak	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>muehlenbergii</i>	●		●			●	
Chestnut oak	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>prinus</i>	●		●			●	
English oak	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>robur</i>	●	●	●		●	●	
Skymaster English oak	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>robur</i>	●	●	●			●	
Heritage oak	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>robur x macrocarpa</i>	●	●	●		●	●	

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Shumard oak	<i>Quercus shumardii</i>		●		●			●	
Chicago blues black locust	<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	'Chicago Blues'	●	●	●		●	●	
Japanese pagodatree	<i>Sophora japonica</i>		●		●				
Mountain ash	<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>		●		●			●	
Pekin lilac	<i>Syringa pekinensis</i>	Summer Charm™	●		●	●			
Ivory silk Japanese tree lilac	<i>Syringa reticulata</i>	'Ivory Silk'	●	●	●	●	●		
Summer snow Japanese tree lilac	<i>Syringa reticulata</i>	'Summer Snow'	●	●	●	●	●		
Pondcypress	<i>Taxodium ascendens</i>		●	●	●			●	
Baldcypress	<i>Taxodium distichum</i>		●	●	●		●	●	
American linden	<i>Tilia americana</i>		●		●				
Boulevard linden	<i>Tilia americana</i>	'Boulevard'	●		●				
Legend linden	<i>Tilia americana</i>	Legend™	●		●				
Redmond linden	<i>Tilia americana</i>	'Redmond'	●		●				
Sentry American linden	<i>Tilia americana</i>	'Sentry'	●		●				
Glenleven littleleaf linden	<i>Tilia cordata</i>	'Glenleven'	●		●				
Golden cascade linden	<i>Tilia cordata</i>	'Golden cascade'	●		●				
Littleleaf linden	<i>Tilia cordata</i>		●		●				
Norlin linden	<i>Tilia cordata</i>	'Norlin'	●		●				
Harvest gold linden	<i>Tilia mongolica</i>	Harvest gold'	●		●				
Green mountain silver linden	<i>Tilia tomentosa</i>	Green Mountain®	●		●				
Sterling silver linden	<i>Tilia tomentosa</i>	Sterling'	●		●				
Crimean linden	<i>Tilia x euchlora</i>		●		●				
Princeton elm	<i>Ulmus americana</i>	'Princeton'	●	●	●				
Valley forge elm	<i>Ulmus americana</i>	'Valley Forge'	●	●	●				
Discovery elm	<i>Ulmus davidiana</i>	'Japonica'	●	●	●				
Pioneer elm	<i>Ulmus glabra x carpinifolia</i>	'Pioneer'	●	●	●				
Vanguard elm	<i>Ulmus japonica x pumila</i>	Vanguard™	●	●	●				
Accolade elm	<i>Ulmus japonica x wilsoniana</i>	Accolade™	●	●	●				
Danada charm elm	<i>Ulmus japonica x wilsoniana</i>	Danada Charm™	●	●	●				
Frontier elm	<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>	'Frontier'	●	●	●			●	
New horizon elm	<i>Ulmus pumila x japonica</i>	'New Horizon'	●	●	●			●	
Patriot elm	<i>Ulmus wilsoniana</i>	'Patriot'	●	●	●				
Prospector elm	<i>Ulmus wilsoniana</i>	'Prospector'	●	●	●				

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Commendation elm	<i>Ulmus</i>	<i>x hybrid</i>	Commendation™	●	●	●			
Homestead elm	<i>Ulmus</i>	<i>x hybrid</i>	'Homestead'	●	●	●			
Hybrid elm cultivars	<i>Ulmus</i>	<i>x hybrid</i>		●	●	●			
Regal elm	<i>Ulmus</i>	<i>x hybrid</i>	'Regal'	●	●	●			
Triumph elm	<i>Ulmus</i>	<i>x hybrid</i>	'Triumph'	●	●	●			
Village green Japanese zelkova	<i>Zelkova</i>	<i>serrata</i>	'Village green'	●		●		●	●

These trees are currently planted by City Agencies subject to availability. Please note, not all trees are appropriate for planting in all locations. For questions about appropriate planting sites or utilizing tree species not listed, please contact the Bureau of Forestry at 312-747-2098. The Bureau of Forestry reserves the right to prohibit tree species deemed unsuitable for parkway use.

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