

Shared Cost
**PARKWAY TREE
PLANTING PROGRAM**



City of Wheaton
Forestry Division

CITY OF
WHEATON
Illinois

SHARED COST PARKWAY TREE PLANTING PROGRAM 2024

The City of Wheaton offers a Shared Cost Parkway Tree Planting Program to assist homeowners in having a new tree planted in the parkway adjacent to their property at a shared cost. This program is open from **January 1st 2024 – February 29th 2024, or until allocated funds are met.**

***Please read the requirements below to determine if you are eligible to participate in the program before placing an order.**

PARKWAY TREE PLANTING REQUIREMENTS

1. City of Wheaton **incorporated** residents only.
2. NEW SUBDIVISIONS: The City will not plant parkway trees in any subdivisions where the improvements have not been approved and accepted by the City of Wheaton. Prior to subdivision acceptance, the developer is responsible for planting healthy parkway trees and guaranteeing them for one full year.
Subdivision Requirements: one (1) tree per lot / two (2) trees per corner lots.
3. Trees **shall** be spaced 30 feet apart.
4. Trees in the parkway **shall not** be planted within 10 feet of alleyways, property lines, streetlight poles, utility poles or within 5 feet of driveways, fire hydrants, old stumps, or utility service lines.
5. **No** two (2) trees of the same species shall be planted next to each other.
6. On corner lots, trees must **not** be planted within 30 feet of the intersection of the corner property lines adjoining the street right-of-way.
7. Trees will **not** be permitted on residential parkways where there is less than 8 feet between the sidewalk and curb or edge of pavement.
8. Trees will **not** be permitted on residential parkways where there is less than 14 feet between the property line and curb or edge of pavement.
9. Trees which will exceed 20 feet in height at maturity **shall not** be planted under overhead utility lines.
10. Tree planting locations **shall** be centered in the parkway.
11. Trees **shall** be single stemmed only. No multi-stemmed.
12. New trees **shall** be watered by the resident for the first two (2) years.
13. If the Forestry Division determines that there is not enough room to plant a tree or if soil conditions at the selected site for planting are not conducive to tree growth, the purchaser of the tree will have their money refunded.

GUARANTEE

The City of Wheaton will provide **one** replacement tree, at no cost to the homeowner, for each tree that does not survive the first year.

TREES AVAILABLE FOR 2024 SHARED COST PARKWAY TREE PROGRAM

Tree Name	Approx. Mature Height	Characteristics	Planting Location
Ginkgo (Male)	60 Feet	Yellow fall color. No fruit.	No above utility wires.
Hackberry	50 Feet	Native. Yellow fall color.	No above utility wires.
Honeylocust	50 Feet	Native. Thornless. Seedless. Yellow fall color.	No above utility wires.
Hybrid Elm	50 Feet	DED resistant. Yellow fall color.	No above utility wires.
Japanese Tree Lilac	20 Feet	Fragrant white flowers. Yellow fall color.	Under utility wires only.
Kentucky Coffeetree	60 Feet	Native. Seedless. Yellow fall color.	No above utility wires.
Linden	50 Feet	Native. Yellow fall color.	No above utility wires.
Pink Crabapple	15 Feet	Pink flowers. Disease resistant.	Under utility wires only.
Red Oak	60 Feet	Native. Red fall color.	No above utility wires.
Serviceberry	15 Feet	Native. White flowers. Orange fall color.	Under utility wires only.
Sugar Maple	50 Feet	Native. Orange fall color.	No above utility wires.
Swamp White Oak	50 Feet	Native. Yellow fall color.	No above utility wires.

*Tree species are subject to change due to crop failure at the nursery.

SHARED COST PARKWAY TREE PLANTING PROGRAM APPLICATION

ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY **February 29th, 2024**

Name _____

Address _____ Wheaton, IL. 60187

Phone _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Submit with payment to: City of Wheaton, 303 W. Wesley St., P.O. Box 727, Wheaton, IL. 60187

Indicate the number of each tree variety you desire at **\$95 each.**

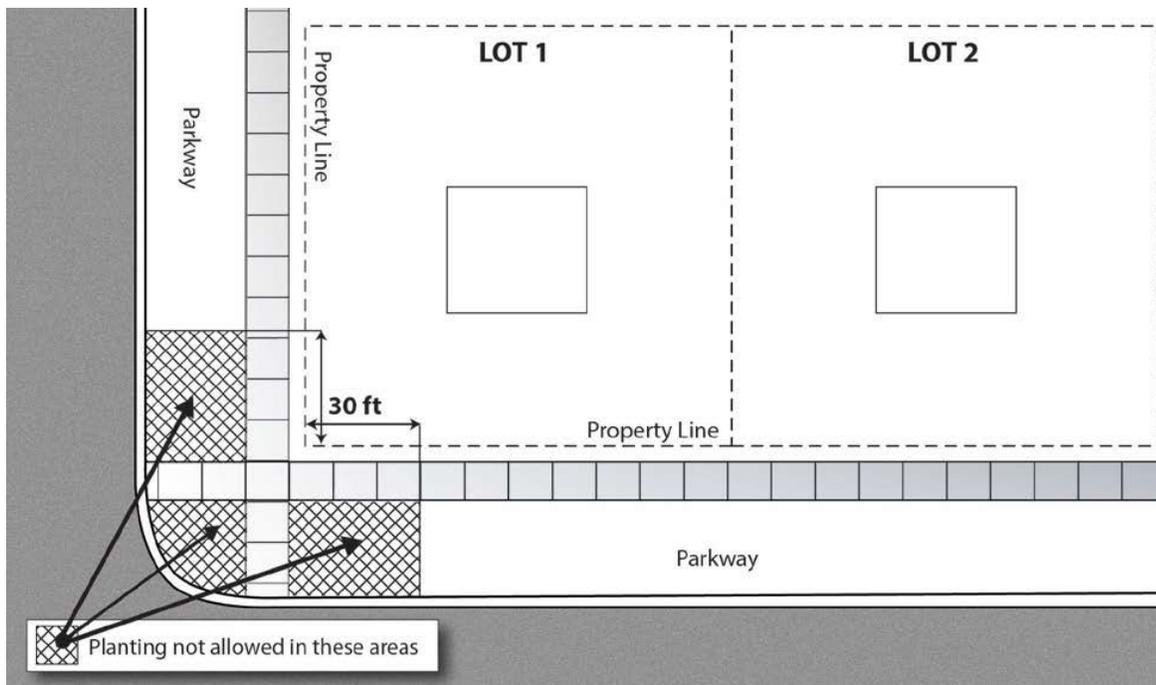
- _____ Linden
- _____ Ginkgo (Male)
- _____ Hackberry
- _____ Honeylocust
- _____ Hybrid Elm
- _____ Japanese Tree Lilac (Utility)

- _____ Kentucky Coffeetree
- _____ Pink Crabapple (Utility)
- _____ Red Oak
- _____ Serviceberry (Utility)
- _____ Sugar Maple
- _____ Swamp White Oak

***Utility trees are to be planted under powerlines only.**

Complete the sketch shown below:

- 1) Choose a lot that is similar to your own.
- 2) Label the street(s).
- 3) Show approximate location of existing driveway, fire hydrants, power poles, streetlights, and trees in the parkway.
- 4) Indicate the location of the new tree(s). For multiple trees, indicate the type of tree at each location.



TREE PLANTING PROGRAM: "CARE OF YOUR NEW TREE"

Thank you for participating in the City of Wheaton Tree Planting Program. Tree planting is scheduled for spring, weather permitting. The tree you are receiving is a first-rate local nursery grown specimen which should thrive, providing you many years of beauty and shade...if you give it proper care and attention. The ultimate fate of the tree is, to a large degree, initially in your hands. **Although your tree is guaranteed for 12 months from the date of planting, it does not cover tree death due to mechanical damage or obvious owner neglect.**

SHOCK

The transplanting procedure is traumatic to a tree. Most trees will exhibit symptoms of shock (withered leaves, dead twigs) in varying degrees. Such symptoms do not indicate your tree is declining or dead. The tree should be watched carefully, and any unusual problem reported promptly to the Public Works Forestry Department for follow-up diagnosis.

WATERING

Proper watering is an important requirement for the first 2 years following transplanting. Trees may die from either too little or too much water; thus, care must be taken to assure that loss from neither occurs. The ground area around the ball (approximately 5 feet in circumference) should be saturated every 4-5 days during hot weather and every 7-10 days **during normal weather conditions** should be adequate. (Note: Tight clay soils retain water for longer periods of time.) One thorough deep watering is better than a dozen shallow irrigations.

As freezing temperatures draw near this autumn, special care should be given to ensure that the ball of the tree freezes in a wet state, not a dry one!

FERTILIZING

Trees were properly fertilized in the nursery. **Caution: Do not use a high-nitrogen fertilizer during the first year, as it can chemically burn and kill new young roots coming through the burlap wrapping into the surrounding soil. Please do not use any 2-4D or broadleaf weed killer around the trees, and be sure your lawn care company knows this, too.**

MULCH

A circle of mulch, 2-3 inches deep and 2 times the diameter of the root ball is highly recommended, **but it must be kept 4-6 inches away from the trunk!** Do **not** plant grass around the base of your tree. Organic mulch is highly recommended because it conserves moisture, moderate temperature extremes throughout the year, and as it breaks down, it naturally enriches the soil. **Do not allow your landscaper to build up dirt and/or mulch around the base of your tree. This practice is known as volcano mulching and is very harmful to newly established trees as well as established trees.**

If you have any questions, please contact Jason Ackerlund, Superintendent of Forestry & Public Grounds, at 1-630-260-2122.

Mulch and Mulching

Mulching is one of the simplest ways that you can help create a better growing environment for trees and landscape plants in your yard. Mulch can help to maintain soil moisture, minimize weed growth and provide the soil with much needed organic matter. Applied improperly, mulch can be damaging and detrimental to the health of your landscape plants and trees.

Types of Mulch:

RECOMMENDED

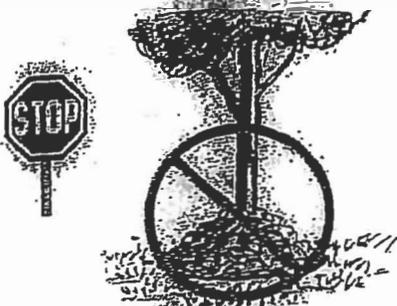
- Composted hardwood and softwood bark
- Composted hardwood and softwood chips
- Composted leaf litter
- Manure
- Pine needles
- Mushroom compost

Organic mulches improve the condition of the soil. They provide needed organic matter that helps keep the soil loose. As the mulch decomposes, important nutrients are replenished in the soil. This results in better root growth and water infiltration.

Organic mulch also insulates fine roots from temperature extremes and protects trees from lawn mower and weed eater injury (*an all too common and easily avoidable problem that causes serious damage and even death to many smaller trees.*)

Problems with improper mulching

The most common problem today with mulching is over mulching, or “volcano mulching”. This occurs when mulch is piled up around the base of the trunk.

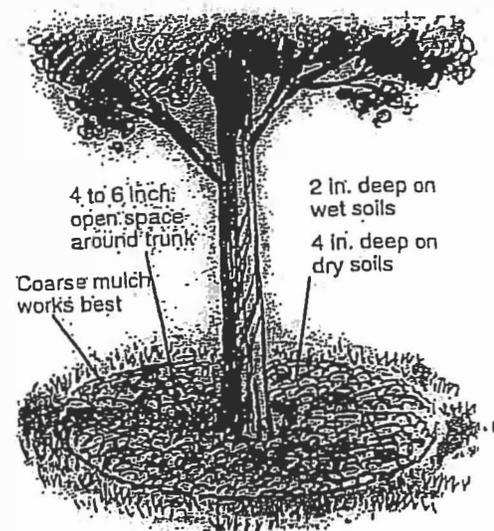


Incorrect: Mulch piled too deep or close around trunk may be hazardous

NOT RECOMMENDED

- Stone
- Lava rock
- Pulverized rubber

Inorganic mulches are installed primarily for aesthetic reasons and do not provide needed organic matter or essential nutrients for plant growth. Therefore, it is suggested that organic mulches be used for better plant health.



Correct: Mulch is a tree's best friend, but it must be used correctly.

- “Volcano mulching” can lead to excessive moisture in the root zone and trunk tissues, causing rot, which can lead to tree death.
- Thick mulch layers can support weed growth as opposed to preventing it.
- Improper mulching can cause undesired surface root growth.
- Plastic and weed fabrics should not be used under the mulch layer. They prohibit nutrient and oxygen flow to the roots.

Dear resident,

The City of Wheaton is requesting your assistance in watering the newly planted parkway tree. The time period immediately after planting is a critical time for a transplanted tree and receiving the correct amount of water is crucial for root growth and the overall health of the tree.

To help the new tree succeed, the Forestry Division is providing you with a device that will make watering the new tree easier. Called the Treegator bag, this green bag-like device encircles the tree's base and slowly releases the proper amount of water to the tree roots.

All you need to do is follow the steps below and fill it with water once a week. Please continue watering the new tree until the fall of the second year after planting. Forestry staff will collect the Treegator bag after the second season.

If for some reason the Treegator bag becomes damaged, or you have any questions, please contact the Forestry Division at 1-630-260-2122. Thank you for your assistance in the survival of the newly planted parkway tree.

Sincerely,

Jason Ackerlund
City of Wheaton Superintendent of Forestry & Public Grounds

Step 1: Expose the fill opening, insert water hose into the fill opening, fill to about one-quarter full.

Step 2: Gently lift up on the two black straps at the top of the bag in order to fully expand the bottom.

Step 3: Fill with water to the top of the bag, (approximately 15 gallons). Water will empty in 5-9 hours.

Step 4: Repeat once a week.

