

# **PLANT TREES...MAKE FORT WAYNE COOL**

Yes!.....I want to help make a greener Fort Wayne!

## **Street Trees 2008 Application Form**

City of Fort Wayne, Thomas Henry, Mayor

My name \_\_\_\_\_  
please print

My address \_\_\_\_\_  
street city state zip code

My phone number \_\_\_\_\_  
daytime (8 am to 5 pm) evenings

Tell us the address of the property where you would like the tree(s) planted if different from the address above. **We can plant trees only within the city limits of Fort Wayne.**

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Tell us where in the parkstrip (between the street and the property line) you think the tree(s) should be planted. Attach a plan or map if you think that will help us understand your request.

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Your new shade tree(s) will have a 2-inch diameter trunk and be from 8 to 14 feet tall, depending on the variety. Tell us what varieties you think would grow best, look best, and coordinate best with other trees on the rest of your street. The attached list names trees we can plant which are sturdy, long lived, disease resistant, and beautiful. You should make your selection from that list. We will select the best tree for your situation if you leave the line blank. The City reserves the right to deviate from your request if the City Arborist finds it to be inappropriate based on survivability or appearance, but we will let you know if this is necessary.

### **Tree Placement No-No's**

We want to make sure your new tree(s) are placed so it/they will not become a nuisance in the future. Please check your request against the following list to see if there might be a potential problem. We **cannot** plant trees under this program in the following situations:

- On private property. We can plant only public property.
- Under utility wires.
- In a park strip with less than 5 feet of grass or planting area.
- Within 40 feet of an intersecting street, alley or commercial driveway, or within 15 feet of a residential driveway.
- Within 40 feet of the trunk of another nearby tree on the street or in an adjacent yard (this is somewhat flexible).
- Within 10 feet of a street light, fire hydrant or traffic signal pole.
- Within 3 feet of curbs and/or sidewalks in poor condition.

### **Before July 1, send the completed application to...**

Street Trees 2008  
Community Development  
One Main Street, Room 840  
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

Please be sure you have checked to make sure your planting request meets the conditions listed above.

**Please note that City funding shortfalls may not allow approval of all applications.**

**After we receive your application...**

City experts will evaluate your application and see if your request may be accommodated. If planting space is available, planting locations will be marked with a pink V on the adjacent curb or street and you will be notified before August 1 of the variety which can be planted along with a request for a \$35 payment. That payment and any desired changes to that approval will be due shortly after.

**Please do not send any money with this application.  
You will be billed after your request is approved.**

Planting will occur this fall, between the first frost (usually late October) and early December, under the supervision of the Arbor Division of the City of Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department. You will receive instructions on how to care for your new arrival after planting. If the tree dies for a reason other than abuse or vandalism before September 1, 2009, please call to 427-1127 and we will investigate to make a free replacement.

**Think you can't afford to pay for a tree?**

**Check out this deal.....**

If your household size or income doesn't exceed the limits below, we can waive the fee per tree. Just circle the household size and sign below to certify your income doesn't exceed the adjacent income limit.

Number in household	Maximum income
1	\$34,350
2	\$39,250
3	\$44,150
4	\$49,050
5	\$52,950
6	\$56,900
7	\$60,800
8	\$64,750

I, the undersigned, certify that my household size, circled above, does not exceed the adjacent listed maximum income and that I will provide supporting documentation of this information if requested by City officials.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Want to plant the whole neighborhood?**

If you are a neighborhood leader and would like to apply for a multiple property planting project, please contact Program Coordinator Tom Cain at 427-1127 to learn about procedures. We want to ensure trees are planted where they are wanted, so adjacent property owner involvement is really important to the success of neighborhood planting projects.

**“I speak for the trees, for the trees have no tongues. And I’m asking you sir, at the top of my lungs, unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not.”** From The Lorax by Dr. Seuss

# Suitable Trees for Fort Wayne Streets

Trees planted along Fort Wayne's City streets must be "good neighbor" trees. Some trees are better neighbor trees than others. "Good neighbor" trees have root systems that reach deep but do not invade sewer systems. They grow quickly, but have good, strong branch structures that are resistant to storm damage and that are capable of having their lower branches removed so people can walk and drive under them. "Good neighbor" trees do not drop large quantities of messy seeds, fruit, bark, twigs, and leaves through the growing season. To ensure the trees have a long, healthy life, the best trees are naturally disease and insect resistant, and are tolerant of salt laden snowmelt, compacted soils, air pollution, and other urban stresses. If that is not enough, "good neighbor" trees must be beautiful in their form, autumn color, and other ornamental aspects. The City's experts are trained to identify potential problems for each planting location and will offer the best recommendation possible for the most appropriate tree for your situation. The following list includes some of the best varieties of the hardiest trees for planting along our city streets.

## **Freeman Maple Hybrids**

*Acer x freemanii*  
Several varieties available

## **Norway Maple Hybrids**

*Acer platanoides*  
Several varieties available

## **Red Maple**

*Acer rubrum*  
Several varieties available  
(intolerant of alkaline, clay soils)

## **Sugar Maple**

*Acer saccharum*  
Several varieties available

## **Common Hackberry**

*Celtis occidentalis*

## **Maidenhair Tree**

*Ginkgo biloba*  
Male (fruitless) varieties only

## **Honeylocust Hybrids**

*Gleditsia triacanthos* hybrids  
Several podless and thornless varieties

## **Kentucky Coffeetree**

*Gymnocladus dioica* hybrids  
Several podless varieties available

## **London Plane Hybrids**

*Platanus x acerifolia* hybrids  
Several disease resistant varieties available

## **Aristocrat Flowering Pear**

*Pyrus calleryana* "Aristocrat"  
Very limited availability

## **White Oak**

*Quercus alba*

## **Swamp White oak**

*Quercus bicolor*

## **Northern Pin Oak**

*Quercus ellipsoidalis*

## **Shingle Oak**

*Quercus imbricaria*

## **Bur Oak**

*Quercus macrocarpa*

## **English Oak**

*Quercus robur*

## **American Linden (Basswood)**

*Tilia cordata* hybrids

## **Littleleaf Linden Hybrids**

*Tilia cordata* hybrids

## **Silver Linden**

*Tilia tomentosa*

## **Japanese Zelkova**

*Zelkova serrata*