

*Other holidays repose on the past. Arbor Day
proposes the future.*

- J. Sterling Morton

About The Program

Houston is currently the fourth largest city in the United States. In 2000, there were over 1.9 million people in our city, which covers 600 square miles. In a city of this size our trees have a lot working against them: development, pollution, compaction, invasive species, diseases and pests.

To help replace and replenish trees along our streets, the City offers trees to citizens to plant on Houston's right of ways. The tree fund allows us to do this at no charge.

Beginning in October and ending in April, citizens are able to pick up trees from our office to plant in front of their homes, between the sidewalk and street. To help in selecting the appropriate tree for your area, keep in mind limitations on space both horizontally and vertically.

Houston Parks & Recreation Department
Greenspace Management - Urban Forestry
12025 Sowden
Houston, Tx 77055



What Else Should I Know?

How do I adopt a tree?

Fill out the attached form and send it or a copy to our office. You may also call 311 Houston's Service Help Line. We will then call you to set up a day for you to stop by.

Can I pick up trees for my neighbor or friend?

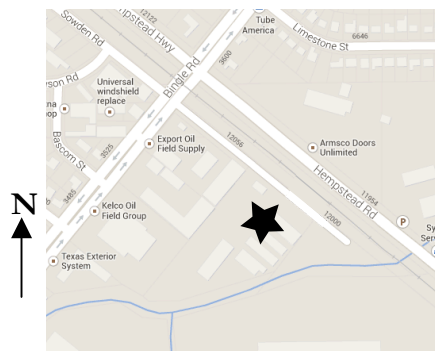
Yes you can. However, they will have to fill out and sign their own form.

Can I plant it in my front or back yard?

No, you cannot. We realize that many people may have room in their yards. However, since the trees are bought with City funds, they must be planted on City property.

Where is your office located?

We are located near the intersection of Hempstead Road and Bingle Road at 12025 Sowden, Houston, Tx 77055.



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URBAN FORESTRY

NEIGHBORWOODS

Planting For The Future



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For the past couple of years, the Houston Parks and Recreation Department (HPARD) has implemented the Adopt-A-Tree program

This program allows citizens to join as volunteers and work with the City to maintain our urban forest. Money from the tree fund is used to provide free 5-gallon containerized trees.

Trees will be available, on a first come, first serve basis, October through April every year.

Terms & Conditions

1. Tree(s) must be picked up from 6501 Memorial Drive
2. Tree(s) must be planted by owner of property adjoining the planting location
3. Tree(s) must be planted on City right-of-way (between sidewalk and street)
4. Proof of City residence must be presented, such as a water bill, showing your address
5. Limit of 2 trees (per 50 feet, per address)
6. Tree(s) must be maintained for a minimum of 2-years (primarily water)
7. A planting diagram must be submitted with this Tree Request Form. It may be hand-drawn.

Available Trees

Due to distribution and variability in nursery stock, not all trees will be available at all times. Availability will vary. Please check the species you are interested in.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese pistache | <input type="checkbox"/> Pine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mexican plum | <input type="checkbox"/> Elm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sweetgum | <input type="checkbox"/> Oak |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other/ I'm not sure | |

Are there power lines present? ☐ Y ☐ N

The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn.
– Ralph Waldo Emerson

Species Description

CHINESE PISTACHE: medium sized, heat and drought tolerant, good fall color

MEXICAN PLUM: small tree, spring flowers, fall fruit, well-drained soils, good for use under power lines and in small areas

SWEETGUM: medium size, fall color, spiny fruit, star shaped leaf

PINE: fast growing, needles 5 – 9 in. long

ELM: small leaf, fast growing, spreading branches

OAK: long- lived, drought tolerant, create shade and food for wildlife, need room for roots

For more information, visit: <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/ornamentals/natives/indexcommon.htm>

Agreement

By signing this, I acknowledge there will be a site inspection by the Houston Parks & Recreation Department to verify the tree(s) is planted on the COH right-of-way and maintained per Terms & Conditions.

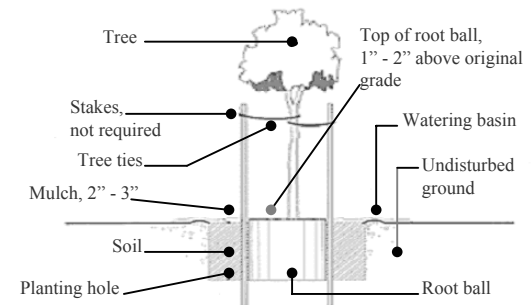
Signature: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Date: _____



Urban Forestry Representative
(office use only)

Map Page: _____