



Tree Planting Program Guidelines

The City of Stow offers a tree planting program that we hope will ensure the viability of beautiful trees throughout our City for future generations. This Program offers the option of having a tree planted in the tree lawn area (between curb and sidewalk) or in a private front or side yard. Corner lots may request two trees: one for the front yard and one for the side yard.

- 1) Applications accepted until the last business day in October for planting the following spring.
- 2) The minimum tree lawn width must be at least five feet (5');
- 3) Applications shall be on a first-come, first-served basis until funds for that year are exhausted. Remaining applications will be applied to the following year's funding;
- 4) Stow's Landscape Arborist will select the variety of trees for this Program. If in private yard, tree selection will be by mutual agreement of the property owner and arborist;
- 5) Resident cost is \$125 per tree, which includes the purchase of a two-inch caliper tree, installation, watering bag and tree guard (prevents deer damage). The City will cover additional costs for the tree, including topsoil, mulch and labor to plant the tree;
- 6) Stow veterans or active duty military personnel providing verification of "honorable" military status, or active duty/retired first responders may receive a \$50 discount per tree.
- 7) Stow residents who are unable to pay the associated fee AND have properly completed a Tree Planting Program – Affidavit of Indigence, may receive one (1) free tree.
- 8) Submit applications, including the appropriate fee (payable to City of Stow), to the City of Stow Public Service Department, 3760 Darrow Road, Stow, Ohio 44224.
- 9) Approval of applications will be made after inspection by the Stow Arborist;
- 10) Trees will be planted by Stow personnel each spring subject to weather conditions;
- 11) Trees are guaranteed for one (1) year from date of planting.
- 12) Requests are limited to one (1) per application-unless the property is a corner lot-in which case two (2) trees can be requested: one (1) for the front and one (1) for the side.
- 13) Watering bags for private yard trees become the property of the homeowner and proper filling of the bag will be the responsibility of homeowner for the first two (2) years.
- 14) Tree maintenance for private trees becomes the sole responsibility of the homeowner after the one (1) year guarantee period.
- 15) Watering bags for treelawn trees remain the property of the City and will be filled as necessary by City personnel.
- 16) City will perform maintenance on treelawn trees as necessary.

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Please keep for your information