

Why Should I Request a Street Tree?

Cooler neighborhoods:

Trees cool the air around them and parts of the city that have trees planted are 1.4 to 2.9 °F cooler on average.

Cleaner air:

Trees absorb harmful air pollutants, helping prevent symptoms of asthma and other breathing and heart problems.

Energy savings:

Homes shaded by trees save up to 12% on their energy bills during the summer!



The Philadelphia Regional Center for Children's Environmental Health strives to improve the health and wellness of children across the country, by first starting in our own backyard: Philadelphia and the surrounding region.

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Get a Street Tree Planted for Free



**Guide for Philadelphia
property owners,
businesses and associations**



Two ways to get sidewalk trees for free

1. Request a sidewalk tree from Philadelphia Parks & Recreation:

Request a tree in front of your home and the city will handle the entire process- planting, watering, and mulching.

bit.ly/pprtree



2. Get a free tree from PHS

You can contact the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS) or your local PHS Tree Tender volunteers to have trees planted on your street.

bit.ly/treetender



If you have a yard, use the space to plant shade trees!

You can receive a free yard tree at TreePhilly giveaways! If you can't plant the tree yourself, volunteers can help.

treephilly.org



Common Street Tree Myths

Trees Attract Pests

This is only a concern with fruit trees, which are rarely planted as sidewalk trees.

Tree Roots Get Into Water Lines

Street tree species are chosen to avoid aggressive root growth, and roots can only enter already damaged pipes. You can also insure water and sewer lines through American Water Resources.

awrusa.com/philadelphia



Trees Will Destroy the Sidewalk

Sidewalk pits are now cut larger and tree species are chosen to avoid pushing up pavement around them.

Tree Maintenance is Too Expensive

City-planted trees receive free watering and mulching for the first year. Street trees are also pruned, and removed, if necessary, for free by the city.

Further resources to help get you started

i-Tree: *For deciding where to plant*



itreetools.org

Use the free set of i-Tree online tools to see where trees can be planted for the most benefit and what type of tree would be best for you.

TreesAreGood: *For learning about tree care essentials*



treesaregood.org

See this educational website that collects information for you to learn about your new tree.

For finding certified arborists:

An arborist can help to plant or examine trees, but make sure to only hire certified, permitted arborists. Request a list of qualified contractors at StreetTree.Info@phila.gov