



City of South Milwaukee 2019 Adopt-A-Tree Program

Hello South Milwaukee Property Owners!

The City of South Milwaukee's Beautification Committee is pleased to offer its Adopt-A-Tree program for 2019. The Beautification Committee's mission is to promote, encourage and work to enhance the beauty of the City of South Milwaukee. The Adopt-A-Tree program will help improve neighborhoods by replacing some of the many trees lost to the emerald ash borer, other diseases, storm damage and age. The program is designed to fund most of the cost of purchasing and planting street trees, with a \$100.00 contribution (fee) from the adjacent owner, and a commitment to nurture the tree.

We are focusing on planting new trees at addresses where City trees have been removed and stumps ground. The new trees will have between a 1.5" and 2" trunk diameter and be between 8-12 feet tall. These are street trees and must be placed between the curb and sidewalk or within 4 feet of the curb where there is no sidewalk. The cost of each installed tree plus the items listed below is estimated to be \$450-\$600 depending on the size, species and bid prices. However, much of this cost will be funded by the City of South Milwaukee through the Adopt-a-Tree Program with the cost to adjacent property owners set at \$100.00.

A certified arborist will review each planting site and pick the best tree for your site based on the terrace width, other trees on the property and street, overhead wires utility placement and previous trees. Diversity of tree species is one of the goals of the Beautification Committee as we move forward to help improve neighborhoods in South Milwaukee and plan for the future growth of the urban forest.

The City or its contractor will:

- Evaluate each street tree site to review the suitability of the site for the long-term success of the tree, based on above-ground and underground utilities, driveways, etc.;
- Approve the planting location (If location is not approved for planting, payment will be returned.)
- Contact Diggers Hotline to stake the tree location;
- Plant the tree;
- Mulch and provide the first watering at time of planting;
- Provide directions for proper care including watering and fertilizing;

- Provide slow-drip water bag to the tree recipient for watering the tree the first year;
- Offer a contractor's warranty on the tree, provided the tree recipient meets all commitments listed below.

The tree recipient must:

- Complete the application and pay the \$100 fee for the tree.
- Care for the tree for at least two years to assure it is well established.
- Identify the requested tree location. (Note: the new tree cannot be planted in the exact location of the previous tree due to root structure remaining in the ground from the tree that was removed. The new tree will need to be minimum 12 inches to left or right).

This program was a complete sell out in both 2017 and 2018 and we expect this to be very popular again this year. Since there are a limited number of trees, applications will be processed in the order in which they are received. To be considered for a tree under the Adopt-A-Tree Program, please complete the following application and submit it with your check for \$100 made out to the City of South Milwaukee to:

City of South Milwaukee
Adopt-A-Tree Program
2424 15th Avenue
South Milwaukee, WI 53172

The application deadline for the 2019 planting is April 30, 2019 or until all trees are sold. There is a limit of one tree purchase per property. If you purchased a tree in prior years, you are not eligible this year. Questions can be directed to Jean Peashey at peashey@smwi.org of 414-762-2222 extension 157.

It is anticipated that the trees will be planted by the end of May depending on weather conditions.

Thank you for your help to enhance and beautify our community!

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2019 Adopt - A - Tree Program
Application/Citizen Tree Maintenance Agreement

Please complete this application and submit it to: City of South Milwaukee, Adopt-A-Tree Program, 2424 15th Avenue, South Milwaukee, WI 53172.

- * Application deadline is April 30, 2019 or until all are sold and approved for planting.
* Check must be attached and payable to: City of South Milwaukee in the amount of \$100.00.
* If your terrace is not approved for a tree, your payment will be returned.
* If you have received a tree in previous years, you are not eligible.

Print legibly (All information is required)

Property Owner's Name Email address (Most communication will be via email)

Property/Planting Address Phone

TREE PLANTING RESTRICTIONS

Per Municipal Code, trees shall not be planted in any boulevard or terrace closer than:

- 1. Twenty (20) feet to a utility or street lighting pole;
2. Fifteen (15) feet to a driveway or alley;
3. Six (6) feet to a fire hydrant, water stop box or gas shut off. If possible, allow more distance than six (6) feet;
4. Twenty-Five (25) feet to another tree;
5. Twenty-Five (25) feet to the intersection of two (2) streets from either corner measured on the property line.

Terrace Width (distance from the back side of the curb to the sidewalk) . No terrace (if no sidewalk)

Applications may be denied based on the size of the terrace, number of requests, pending street paving projects, or utility projects that may disturb the tree. With the above restrictions in mind, please tell us approximately where you would like your tree planted. (Measurements are helpful or draw a layout on the back side of this sheet).

TREE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Conditions - To adopt a tree, you must agree to care for the tree as follows:

- 1. To insure your tree's survival, your portable drip irrigation device must be filled with water at least once a week for the first two years during the growing season. It should be removed after the first freeze and does not need to be used next year.
2. Mulch should not be piled up against the tree trunk. Keep grass and weeds out of mulch.
3. Do not cultivate or otherwise disturb soil under the tree (do not plant under trees).
4. Keep lawn mowers and string trimmers away from tree to avoid wounding trunk.
5. Fertilize only with slow release formulas, if at all.
6. Do not use herbicides that may leach into the soil around the tree.
7. Inspect the tree often to detect problems early.

My signature indicates my agreement to the conditions listed immediately above and understand the program is subject to change in future years.

Signature Print Name Date

Note: Check will not be cashed until location is determined acceptable. Trees are limited to one tree per property.

For office use only:
Date Application received Check #
Tree Number Terrace Size
Species Planted
Information Sheet Delivered