



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

RESIDENT STREET TREE PLANTING PROGRAM POLICY

Resident Sponsored Street Tree Planting Program Policy¹

A resident interested in paying to plant a street tree in the right-of-way between the sidewalk and the curb should follow these steps:

1. Select a Licensed Nursery or Landscaper
2. Identify tree planting location and tree species (see attached *Approved Street Trees List*)
3. Complete a DPW Street Tree Permit and submit it to DPW for review and approval. Before proceeding, please check the Tree Planting Program Regulations to insure that you have met all requirements.
4. Wait for approval from DPW Staff approving location and tree species.
5. When approved by DPW, the Nursery or landscaper will be responsible for ...
 - a. Contacting MISS DIG at 800-482-7171 to identify locations of underground infrastructure, such as gas, water and other utilities.
 - i. Resident can verify MISS DIG has been called prior to planting by looking for spray painted markings on the ground and/or flags identifying the location of the underground utilities.
 - b. Digging the hole, planting and mulching the tree in the approved manner.
6. Resident pays the contractor for work.
7. If a resident is interested in receiving a charitable donation letter from the City (up to \$1000) to use with their Federal Tax return, submit a copy of the DPW approval form and a copy of the paid tree installation invoice to DPW. Upon field inspection of installed tree, a donation letter will be provided to the resident.

¹ All trees removed are placed on the tree planting list in the order they are removed. Trees are planted annually with preference given to easements with NO trees.



RESIDENTIAL STREET TREE PLANTING PROGRAM REGULATIONS CITY OF HUNTINGTON WOODS, MI

Purpose: To encourage homeowners in the City of Huntington Woods to purchase and plant appropriate trees at their residence in the public right-of-way along city streets as a charitable donation to the City.

- A. Any resident of Huntington Woods may request a permit to plant a tree in the city easement.
- B. All residents must possess a valid planting permit prior to planting trees on public property.
- C. Trees must be nursery grown, single stemmed (one central leader) with a minimum diameter of 2 inches at 4½ feet above ground level and a minimum of 6' in height They must appear on the Huntington Woods *Approved Street Tree List*. (List attached.)
- D. Distance between curb and sidewalk must be at least 5 feet. If there is no curb, measure to the street and subtract 1 foot for future curb installation.
- E. Huntington Woods placement requirements: Normally trees shall be planted in the center of the planting strip, halfway between the curb and the sidewalk. In situations where there is neither a curb or sidewalk, DPW shall determine the location of trees. Trees may not be planted in a planting strip less than 5 feet in width (refer to the *Approved Street Tree List* for small, medium and large trees.) In addition, trees may not be planted closer than:
 - 1. 20 feet to a utility or street lighting pole. Only low growing trees are allowed under power lines. (See *Approved Street Tree List* for small trees.)
 - 2. 10 feet to a fire hydrant.
 - 3. 25 feet to the intersection of sidewalks at a street intersection.
 - 4. 15 feet to a driveway or alley.
 - 5. 40 feet from an existing tree unless the existing tree has been approved for removal within a period of two years from the date of planting of the new tree. The owner of a single lot may, in order to provide a shade or ornamental tree in front of the owner's lot, secure special permission from the department to have a tree planted closer than 40 feet from an existing tree, but in no case shall such planting be within 25 feet of any existing tree, within the right-of-way.
 - 6. 5 feet from a buried utility service lateral.
- F. Do not plant over an existing tree stump.
- G. The property owner has the responsibility to locate underground utilities. This can be done by calling MISS DIG at (800) 482-7171.
- H. Trees planted in violation of regulations are subject to removal by the City of Huntington Woods. All trees planted in the easement between the sidewalk and the street become the property of the City and thus can only be pruned by the DPW or their authorized contractor.

Please complete the Permit Application form and return to HW DPW.



**PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY PLANTING PERMIT
CITY OF HUNTINGTON WOODS, MI**

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

Daytime phone number: _____

Type of tree to be planted: _____

Size (caliper): _____

Tree will be obtained from (must be nursery grown): _____

Tree will be planted by: _____

Location of planting: _____
(Attach a sketch, if necessary)

In making this application, I acknowledge that, once planted, the requested tree will come under the jurisdiction of the City of Huntington Woods Tree Ordinance. I further acknowledge that I will be responsible for routine maintenance of the tree, i.e. watering and mulching. I further understand that I cannot place a raised flower bed that covers the trunk flare.

(Signature)

(Date)

The above stated request for tree planting or landscaping on public right-of-way within the city limits of the City of Huntington Woods, MI has been reviewed and approved as noted with any revisions. Planting will occur in approved site(s). See diagram on reverse side and as staked/marked at location.

(DPW authorized personnel)

(Date)



Resident Tree Planting Program

Tree List

Small Trees (mature height under 30')**

Suitable for use under overhead utility lines

Latin Name	Common Name	Native?	Notes
<i>Acer buergeranum</i> 'Streetwise'*	Trident Maple	No	Choose Tree form 'Streetwise' or other single stem variety
<i>Acer griseum</i> *	Paperbark maple	No	
<i>Acer pensylvanicum</i> *	Striped maple	Yes	
<i>Acer tataricum</i> *	Tatarian maple	No	Choose single stem/tree form
<i>Amelanchier arborea</i> 'Trazam'	Downy Serviceberry	Yes	Choose single stem/tree form 'Trazam' or other single stem variety
<i>Amelanchier laevis</i> 'Cumulus'	Allegheny Serviceberry	Yes	Choose single stem/tree form 'Cumulus' or other single stem variety
<i>Amelanchier x grandiflora</i> 'Autumn Brilliance'	Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry	Yes	Hybrid of native species 'Autumn Brilliance' or other single stem variety
<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	Eastern Redbud	Yes	
<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>	White Fringetree	Yes	Choose single stem/tree form. Native to southern U.S.
<i>Cornus kousa</i>	Kousa Dogwood	No	Choose single stem/tree form
<i>Cornus mas</i>	Cornelian Cherry	No	Choose single stem/tree form
<i>Cotinus obovatus</i>	American Smoketree	Yes	Native to southern U.S.
<i>Malus sp</i>	Crabapple	Some sp.	
<i>Prunus sargentii</i>	Sargent Cherry	No	
<i>Prunus serrulata</i>	Kwansan Cherry	No	
<i>Prunus 'Accolade'</i>	Accolade Flowering Cherry	No	
<i>Syringa reticulata</i>	Japanese Tree Lilac	No	

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Medium Trees (mature height 25-40')**

Latin Name	Common Name	Native?	Notes
<i>Acer miyabes*</i>	Miyabei Maple	No	
<i>Acer truncatum*</i>	Shantung Maple	No	
<i>Betula nigra</i>	River Birch		Choose single stem/tree form. Native to southern U.S.
<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	American Hornbeam	Yes	
<i>Cladrastis lutea</i>	American Yellowwood		Native to southern U.S.
<i>Halesia carolina</i>	Carolina Silverbell		Native to southern U.S.
<i>Laburnum x watereri</i>	Goldenchain Tree	No	
<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	American Hophornbeam	Yes	
<i>Parrotia persica</i>	Persian parrotia	No	

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Large Trees (mature height >40')**

Latin Name	Common Name	Native?	Notes
<i>Acer rubrum</i> *	Red Maple	Yes	
<i>Acer saccharum</i> *	Sugar Maple	Yes	
<i>Aesculus octandra (flava)</i>	Yellow Buckeye		Native to southern U.S.
<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	Hackberry	Yes	
<i>Cercidiphyllum japonicum</i>	Katsura tree	No	
<i>Corylus colurna</i>	Turkish Filbert	No	
<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>	Ginkgo	No	Choose male variety only
<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>	Honeylocust	Yes	
<i>Gymnocladus dioicus</i>	Kentucky Coffeetree	Yes	
<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	Sweetgum		Native to southern U.S.
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Tuliptree	Yes	
<i>Metasequoia glyptostroboides</i>	Dawn Redwood	No	
<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Black (Sourgum)	Yes	
<i>Plantanus occidentalis</i>	American Sycamore	Yes	
<i>Plantanus x acerifolia</i> 'Bloodgood'	London Planetree	No	Not as susceptible to anthracnose as American Sycamore
<i>Quercus bicolor</i>	Swamp White Oak	Yes	
<i>Quercus gambelii</i>	Gamble Oak		Native to western U.S.
<i>Quercus imbricaria</i>	Shingle Oak	Yes	
<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	Burr Oak	Yes	
<i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i>	Chikapin Oak	Yes	
<i>Quercus rubra</i>	Norther Red Oak	Yes	
<i>Quercus shumardii</i>	Shumard Oak	Yes	
<i>Sophora japonica</i>	Japanese Pagodatree	No	Also know as Scholar tree
<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	Bald Cypress		Native to southern U.S.
<i>Tilia cordata</i>	Littleleaf Linden	No	Only plant in irrigated areas

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<i>Tilia heterophylla</i>	White Basswood		Native to south U.S. - see Amer. Linden
<i>Tilia platyphyllos</i>	Big Leaf Linden	No	
<i>Tilia tomentosa</i>	Silver Linden	No	
<i>Tilia x euchlora</i>	Crimean Linden	No	
<i>Ulmus Variety</i>	Elm Hybrid	Yes	Choose Dutch Elm Disease resistant variety
<i>Ulmus carpiniifolia</i>	English Elm	No	
<i>Ulmus japonica 'Accolade'</i>	Accolade Japanese Elm	No	
<i>Zelkova serrata</i>	Japanese Zelkova	No	

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