

Trees Available for 2017

Eight different species of trees will be planted in 2017.

A certified arborist will review each planting site and pick the best tree for your site based on 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.



**Autumn
Blaze Maple**



**Kentucky
Coffeetree**



**Exclamation
London
Planetree**



**Redmond
Linden**



**Norwegian
Sunset Maple**



Ironwood



**Homestead
Buckeye**



**Japanese
Tree Lilac**

2017

ADOPT A TREE

A BEAUTIFICATION
COMMITTEE PROGRAM

Program
Extended to
May 15, 2017



Proud Past ... Promising Future

Hello South Milwaukee property owners!

The City of South Milwaukee's Beautification Committee is pleased to announce the launch of an Adopt-A-Tree program. The Beautification Committee's mission is to promote, encourage and work to enhance the beauty of the City of South Milwaukee. The new 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 Common Council has agreed to fund this trial program for 2017 with 50 trees. It is available to residentially-zoned properties, and trees will be planted at approved planting sites based on our tree inventory and suitability. For this year's program, we will be focusing on planting new trees at addresses where trees have been removed within the past three years. All trees will have at least a 2" diameter trunk 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 \$400-500 depending on the size, species and bid prices. However, much of this cost will be funded by the City of South Milwaukee, through the program.

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.;
- Use an arborist to select the best species of tree to be planted;
- 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 a slow-drip water bag to the tree recipient for watering the tree; and
- Offer a contractor's warranty on the tree, provided the tree recipient meets all commitments listed at right.

The tree recipient must:

- Identify the requested tree location
- Care for the tree for at least two years to assure it is well established
- Complete an application and pay a \$100 fee for the tree

In 2017, there will be a mix of eight tree varieties. In order to assure a diversity of trees within the neighborhoods, the arborist in consultation with the property owner will choose the species of tree to be planted in each location. The trees to be planted are Autumn Blaze Maple, Kentucky Coffeetree, "Exclamation" London Planetree, Redmond Linden, Norwegian Sunset Maple, Homestead Buckeye, Ironwood, and Japanese Tree Lilac. Images of the trees are shown on the back of this flyer.

We expect this will be a popular program. 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 attached application and submit it with your check for \$100 made out to the City of South Milwaukee to:

City of South Milwaukee Forestry Department
Adopt-a-Tree Program
2424 15th Avenue
South Milwaukee, WI 53172

The application deadline for 2017 planting is May 15, 2017. Limit one tree per property. Only completed applications with payment will be accepted.

Please contact Jean Peashey, Administrative Assistant, City Engineer's Office, with any questions at peashey@smwi.org or 414-762-2222 extension 157.

It is anticipated that the trees will be planted by the end of June.

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

City of South Milwaukee Beautification Committee

**City of South Milwaukee Beautification Committee
Adopt – A – Tree Program
Application/Citizen Tree Maintenance Agreement**

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

Check must be attached and payable to: City of South Milwaukee in the amount of \$100.00.

Application deadline is May 15, 2017. Any application received after May 15, 2017, will be returned unprocessed.

Print legibly (All information is required)

Property Owner's Name

Email address (***Most communication will be via email***)

Address

Phone

Planting Address (***if different***)

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.

Applications may be denied based on the 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)._____

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.
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. Report problems to the Forestry Department.

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. Offer is non-transferable. It is only valid for the addressee and expires May 15, 2017.

For office use only:

Date Application received _____ Check # _____

Tree Number _____ Terrace Size _____

Species Planted _____

Information Sheet Delivered _____