

PROPERTY OWNER

REQUEST TO PLANT A STREET TREE IN PHILADELPHIA

Return completed and signed form to: PSCA, PO Box 18052, Philadelphia, PA 19147
Please return completed form by April 20, 2008
Contact Roz Duffy, contact@passyunk.org for assistance or information.

Property owner initial all that apply and sign below: * agreement is required to qualify

_____ I have read and understand the terms described in "Agreement to Plant a Street Tree." *

_____ I agree to share in the responsibility to care for the requested tree(s).*

_____ I understand my site requires removing concrete, sidewalk or paving materials in order to plant this tree and I give permission to have this done as specified below. *

_____ I am willing to volunteer to help plant my tree.

_____ I am willing to help care for other trees in my neighborhood.

Address of tree planting location: _____

Property Owner Name (print) _____

Signature of Property Owner _____ **Date** _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Property Owner Mailing Address (street, city, state, zip code) if different from the location above:

1) **Street Tree planting location:** Front of property Side of property _____ Street

Yard Tree planting location: In my front yard In my side yard

All yard trees must be within 10 feet of the street. Care and maintenance of yard trees are the sole responsibility of the property owner.

2) **This site requires cutting or expanding a tree pit** and removal of concrete or other material

Finish size of the tree pit ____ feet x ____ feet (minimum planting area = 9 square feet)

3) **Site restrictions:** Overhead wires Other (describe below)








4) **Comments:** _____

Property Owners - Keep this page for your records




Agreement to Plant a Street Tree in Philadelphia

TreeVitalize, a partnership to restore tree cover in Southeast PA, invites you to join in the effort by planting a tree on your property. If you would like to participate, please read and sign the attached "Request to Plant a Street Tree in Philadelphia." Street trees are defined as trees planted between a street curb and sidewalk. TreeVitalize also supports a limited number of trees planted in front yards where the tree provides a benefit to the public right-of-way.

By signing the Request to Plant a Street Tree in Philadelphia, you, the property owner, agree that:

-  An arborist from the Fairmount Park Commission will inspect your location and determine whether it is an appropriate site for a tree(s) to be planted.
-  Fairmount Park and TreeVitalize will determine an appropriate tree species for your location.
-  If the site requires it, you give permission for a tree pit to be cut in your sidewalk or pavement.
-  You will water the tree (15-20 gallons per week— the cost is less than \$1 per year) March through December for two years.
-  You will protect your tree from damage by cars, lawn mowers, etc.
-  You will notify the Fairmount Park Commission if the tree appears to be sick or damaged.
-  If you cancel the tree installation after signing this form and the pavement has been cut, you will be responsible for replacing the pavement at your expense.

You understand that:

-  Your request for a tree may be denied - not all sites are appropriate for tree planting.
-  Street trees are the property and responsibility of the Fairmount Park Commission. Trees planted in your yard are the responsibility of the property owner.
-  Only Fairmount Park Commission can authorize major pruning or removal of street trees.

The Benefits of Trees

- Increase property values
- Bring beauty and character to neighborhoods
- Save energy, cut heating and air-conditioning costs
- Shade and cool neighborhoods reducing temperatures on the hottest summer days
- Clean pollutants out of the air and water
- Decrease stress, violence and deduce crime
- Reduce storm water runoff
- Buffer and reduce noise
- Promote community interaction, renewal
- Provide habitat for birds and wildlife

TreeVitalize is a public/private partnership spearheaded by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). The partnership is working to restore tree cover in Southeastern Pennsylvania where more than 5 million trees have been lost in the past 15 years. For more information visit: www.treevitalize.net.