



Property Owners - Keep this page for your records

For assistance or information please contact Hasan at 215-694-9607 or NeTreeTenders@aol.com

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 Northeast Tree Tenders if the tree appears to be sick or damaged.
- ✿ If the site requires it, you give permission for a tree pit to be cut in your sidewalk or pavement. (If you cancel the tree installation after submitting the request 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.)
- ✿ Even an approved tree may be denied by PA One Call if too close to underground utilities.
- ✿ You are responsible for the removal of any dead trees or stumps in the desired planting sites.
- ✿ Trees planted in your yard are the sole responsibility of the property owner.
- ✿ Only the Fairmount Park Commission can authorize planting, pruning, or removing street trees.
- ✿ If your request is accepted, your tree may be planted in either the spring 2011 or fall 2011 cycle.

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.

Please visit us online at NortheastTreeTenders.com



**PROPERTY OWNER
REQUEST TO PLANT A STREET TREE IN PHILADELPHIA**

Mail this signed form to: Northeast Tree Tenders, 7120 Oakland Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19149

Please return completed form ASAP but no later than by: September 1st, 2010

If you have questions or need assistance contact Hasan at (215) 694-9607 or NeTreeTenders@aol.com

Property Address: _____ Zip: _____

Property Owner must initial all and sign below:

_____ I am the property owner on record at this address.

_____ 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).

_____ If my site requires removal of concrete or paving materials in order to plant this tree, I give permission to have this done. I understand that if I cancel the tree installation after submitting this request form and the sidewalk has already been cut, I will be responsible for the cost of replacing the pavement. [Note: Stump removal is the responsibility of property owner.]

_____ I am willing to volunteer to help plant my tree(s). [Note: Though helpful, this is not mandatory.]

Signature of Property Owner _____ Date _____

Property Owner Name (print) _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Property Owner Mailing Address (street, city, state, zip) if different from tree planting property address listed above:

Comments: _____

(If there is a type of tree you would prefer e.g. “flowering”, tell us here)

Total number of trees requested at this address: _____ (___ Street trees + ___ Yard trees)

[Note: Yard trees must be located within 10 feet of sidewalk and are sole responsibility of property owner.]

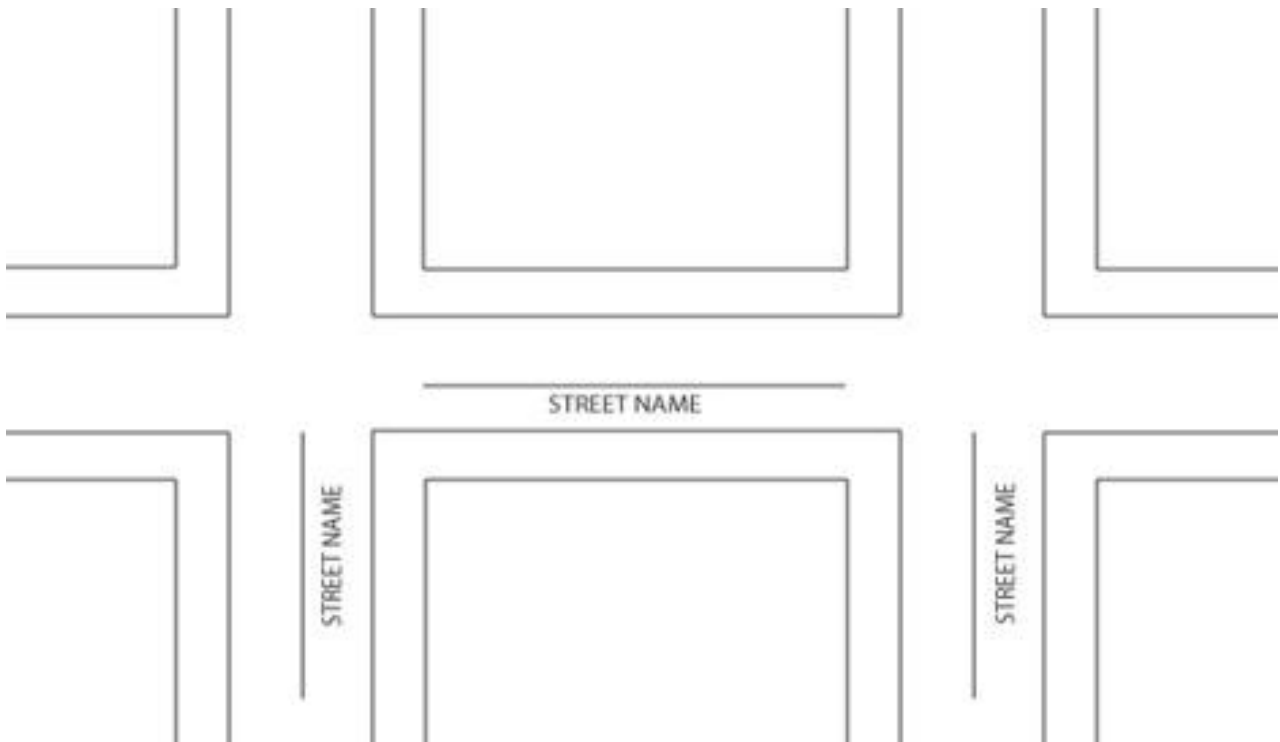
- 1) This site requires cutting or expanding a tree pit and removal of concrete or other material
- 2) Site restrictions: Overhead wires Other (describe) _____
- 3) My preference: (mature tree height) - Small 15’to 30’ Medium 30’to 45’ Large 45’and over

Optional: If it would help to clarify exactly where you would like the requested tree(s) to be located on your property, please use the attached map template to provide a sketch and any additional notes.

Map of Property and Requested Tree(s)

Property Address: _____ Zip: _____

- 1) Using the map below, please mark the location of your property and label the nearest streets. [Note: If your property does not match the layout shown, you may modify the map below or sketch your own on the back of this piece of paper.]
- 2) Mark with a **T** the specific site of each street tree (between curb and sidewalk) that you are requesting.
- 3) For any trees requested for your front or side yard, mark the sites with a **Y**. [Note: Yard trees must be within 10 feet of public sidewalk.]
- 4) If helpful to indicate where you would like the tree(s) to be located on your property, please sketch a close-up view on the back of this page or add notes here: _____



When selecting a tree location, please follow these guidelines:

- Minimum 3x3-foot tree pit size; larger where possible.
- Not in front of steps, doorways, or alleyways, or between handicapped parking signs.
- Not in front of homes that are posted for sale.
- Allow 30 feet from stop signs, traffic lights, and street corners.
- Allow 15 feet from light poles, utility poles, and fire hydrants.
- Allow 15-30 feet from other trees (depending on mature size and form).
- Allow 5 feet from driveways, man-hole covers, storm drains, and main utility lines.
- Edge of tree pit should be at least 18 inches from utility lines (or soil must be dug by hand).
- Edge of tree pit should be at least 36 inches (3 feet) from steps, stoops, or walls to allow 3 feet of unobstructed sidewalk. (This is mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act.)

NORTHEAST TREE TENDERS

Northeast Tree Tenders is run solely by volunteers who devote their time and energy to restore tree cover in Northeast Philadelphia. The trees we plant and the concrete cuts some street trees require are paid for by TreeVitalize. However, there are many other expenses that have to be paid for – ranging from food for the volunteers to printing flyers, mailing letters, website expenses and fuel costs for driving all around the Northeast for initial inspections and tree deliveries, to name a few. This all adds up fast and we need the funding to get about 70 trees planted this fall – including yours once it is accepted. For this reason, we have made it mandatory for a donation of at least \$15 for each tree you receive.

Mail this slip, along with the “request to plant a tree” application to

Northeast Tree Tenders
7120 Oakland St.
Philadelphia PA 19149

**Please make check/money order payable to Northeast Tree Tenders but send
AFTER your request is accepted.**

Please help us plant trees all over Northeast Philadelphia:

I would like to donate \$15 (Minimum per tree)
 \$25
 Other \$_____

towards the non-profit work of Northeast Tree Tenders.