



2011 SHADE TREE PROGRAM

In 2011, the City of Northfield will offer a Shade Tree Replacement Program. This program is intended to both offer replacement trees for the boulevard and/or front yard to residential properties within the City of Northfield limits. The trees are offered on a first-come-first-served basis starting April 4, 2011 and ending on April 15, 2011. A property owner may order up to six trees, provided the placement of the tree(s) meets the guidelines established by the City.

The program does allow the placement of these trees within the front yard of the property in addition to the boulevard area. The front yard is considered any portion of the lot from the front house line extension to the street. The expanded area for the program has been adopted to provide more flexibility to each property owner to select an appropriate location for the tree in relation to the guidelines stated later in this article. In particular, existing utilities (overhead and underground) place considerable constraint on tree locations for certain lots. The expanded area should provide ample opportunity for tree placement. (SPECIAL NOTE: The property owner is required to sign a "Waiver of Trespass" form before the crews will plant the tree(s). These forms can be signed at the same time a tree(s) is ordered at the City Maintenance Facility (1710 Riverview Drive).



There are 99 trees being offered this year; below is the number and variety of trees, along with the cost per tree to the property owner:

10	River Birch	7 Gallon	\$35.00
10	Blue Beech	15 Gallon	\$39.00
5	Louisa Flowering Crab	10 Gallon	\$39.00
6	Rejoice Flowering Crab	7 Gallon	\$39.00
8	Spring Snow Flowering Crab	10 Gallon	\$39.00
10	New Horizon Elm	10 Gallon	\$39.00
10	Japanese Tree Lilac	7 Gallon	\$39.00
10	Armstrong Maple	7 Gallon	\$35.00
10	Autumn Blaze Maple	7 Gallon	\$35.00
10	Korean Mountain Ash	7 Gallon	\$35.00
10	North Pin Oak	7 Gallon	\$39.00

Payment must be made at the time the order is placed. The price of the trees includes locating of utilities, planting, and the first watering. The trees are delivered and will be planted April 27 - 30, 2011, weather and delivery permitting.

Property owners must stake the location of the trees that are ordered by April 21, 2011, and must ensure that the stakes remain in the ground until the trees are planted to allow the City crews and utility companies the ability to verify the locations. Tree locations and/or species will be altered by the City crews if a problem is encountered with either of the above.

Tree location(s) must be accessible to Streets / Park Division equipment or the crews will not dig the hole. On private property, the property owner will be responsible for any damage to lawns as a result of the equipment used by the crews to plant the trees.

Property owners may elect to plant the tree(s) themselves; however, the City must be notified prior to the tree(s) being planted so that arrangements can be made for the tree(s) to either be delivered to the property or picked up at the Public Works Maintenance Facility. It will then be the responsibility of the property owner to dig the hole and plant the tree. All trees ordered are container and must be planted as soon as possible after delivery. The Public Works Maintenance Facility is located at 1710 Riverview Drive, Northfield, MN.

THE TREES DO NOT CARRY A GUARANTEE. Improper follow-up care by homeowners is the primary cause of the tree not surviving. If a tree does not survive, the property owner may have the opportunity to try again the next year subject to the varieties of trees offered and the cost that year. The size of the trees planted is six to eight feet tall with a typical trunk diameter of 1– 1 ¼ inches.

After the trees are planted, it is the responsibility of the property owner to stake and water the trees as necessary to give them a good start. Trees should be given a good slow soaking of water daily during the first week – add water until water is visible on surface – 3 times per week during the following two weeks, and weekly there after during the first growing season.



BOULEVARD TREE PLANTING GUIDELINES

The following are guidelines that the City recommends property owners follow in order to determine whether they will be able to locate a tree(s) on their boulevard or in their front yard:

1. Trees should be at least thirty (30) feet from any existing tree.
2. Trees must be no closer than forty (40) feet from a corner intersection.
3. Trees must be at least six (6) feet from any driveway or approach sidewalk.
4. Trees should be approximately fifteen (15) feet from any power pole or utility shut off.
5. Consider overhead power lines when determining the location of a tree.
6. If an Elm tree or any other large tree was removed from the boulevard or front yard this year, do not plan to plant a new tree in the same location until the following year. The new tree should stay approximately ten (10) feet from the location of the removed tree.
7. If an adjacent lot has no trees on the boulevard, consider staying approximately fifteen (15) feet from the property line.
8. Finally, it is suggested that the property owner note what species have been planted in the area. For example, if there are a lot of Maple trees already in the block, it might be wise to select another species.

To find out more about the program, please call the Northfield Maintenance Facility at 645-3050 (8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday).