

City of Albany  
Street Tree Planting Program  
*Gerald D. Jennings, Mayor*



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Greetings,

Thank you for your interest in the City of Albany's street tree planting program!

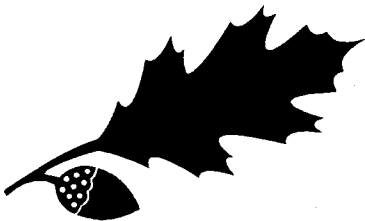
To encourage plantings, the City will underwrite one half of the cost of purchasing and planting each tree. The dead line for orders for spring planting is March 31, and for fall planting is September 15.

When choosing the location for a tree to be planted, carefully consider overhead utility lines, water shut-offs, and the size of the growing area. The description page offers recommendations for planting under utility lines. Where possible we recommend planting on the lawn rather than between sidewalk and curb, as the survival rate increases with the distance from the street. This is a "street tree" program and all trees must be planted in front of the house or business. If there is no lawn, the City will open an area in the sidewalk to provide a planting space.

Care of trees planted is the responsibility of the owner. Your investment includes planting the tree and a one year guarantee against the death of the tree by natural causes, provided there is evidence the tree has been properly watered. This is most important. Vandalism and motor vehicle damage is not covered by the guarantee.

We hope you enjoy your tree and we wish you the best of luck with it!

Sincerely,  
Thomas Pfeiffer  
City Forester



# Order Form

**YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SELECTING A PLANTABLE LOCATION.** Trees cannot be planted on the site of an old tree or stump because of the roots still in the ground. If you have any question in your mind, dig down and see what is there. If you find anything you can't cut with a shovel, please select another location.

Please complete and send to: **Department of General Services, 1 Conners Blvd., Albany, NY 12204.**

The prices listed on pages 3 and 4 are **your** cost for the trees you order. Include a check made payable to **Treasurer, City of Albany** for the total amount of the tree order.

Please sketch below the house, sidewalk, new tree (marked with a T on sketch), and anything else the contractor should be aware of. Pounding a stake in the ground is a sure way of marking the location. **This plan is all the contractor will have. Because of the number of orders, they will not call in advance.**

**Sketch Plan**

Does your sidewalk need to be cut? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
Is there an old tree stump in the way? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Type of tree(s) ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

(2nd choice if 1st not available) \_\_\_\_\_ Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Name (PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address where tree is to be planted (if different from above)

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Description of Trees

### small trees: suitable under utility lines



Hedge Maple (Acer campestre) - \$114.50

SPRING, NOT AVAILABLE FOR FALL

Smaller member of the maple family chosen because of its suitability for planting under utility lines. The leaves are similar in shape to the sugar maple but smaller, and due to its dense branching it is often clipped as a hedge in Great Britain.

Serviceberry (Amelanchier) - \$119.50

SPRING AND FALL

Small flowering tree native to North America; it's the first plant in bloom in the Adirondacks. We have requested the single stem tree form, but it is more commonly available in the shrub form. It does produce a small berry that is edible but may be a little messy on your sidewalk.

Crabapple (Malus spp.) - \$109.50

SPRING AND FALL

There are many varieties of crabapple. We have chosen three that have pink, red or white flowers, and produce little or no fruit. The branching is upright but the trees can get as wide as they are tall. With a sunny spot and the right soil they will provide a spectacular show each spring.

Japanese Tree Lilac (Syinga reticulata) - \$119.50

SPRING, LIMITED AVAILABILITY FALL

This is a big lilac, getting to 20' with white flowers on the top of the tree in early July (long after other lilacs are finished). We have had good luck with this species in Washington Park.

Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn (Crataegus crusgalli inermis) \$104.50

SPRING AND FALL

New this season! We have been adding to our list of smaller trees and the Hawthorns don't mind city living too much. This one is thornless, white flowers in May, and a small red fruit that persist into winter for a little added color.

### medium to large trees: generally not suitable under utility lines



Honey Locust (Gleditsia triacanthos) \$104.50

SPRING AND FALL

A spreading form, it stands up well in the urban environment. Small leaflets that turn yellow in the fall. Although it can become a large tree, we will it permit **under utility lines** due to its form, which will accept the pruning needed for line clearance.

Callery Pear (Pyrus calleryana) - \$102.50

SPRING AND FALL

If you have noticed landscaping or tree planting anywhere, you've seen this one. I vote this 'most likely to be overplanted'. For good reasons; maturing to 40' with showy white flowers and an outstanding glossy bronze to scarlet fall color that stays on long after other trees are through for the year. They have tiny fruits, but not pears that you can eat or even notice. Although it can become a large tree, we will it permit **under utility lines** due to its form, which will accept the pruning needed for line clearance.

Japanese Zelkova - (Zelkova serrata) - \$124.50

SPRING ONLY, NOT AVAILABLE FALL

This tree is in the Elm family and resembles its relatives in form and leaf shape. However, it is resistant to the Dutch Elm Disease. Although it can become a large tree, we will it permit **under utility lines** due to its form, which will accept the pruning needed for line clearance.

Crimson King Norway Maple (Acer platanoides, 'Crimson King') \$112.

SPRING AND FALL

This is the one that has dark crimson, almost purplish leaves all season, not the Red Maple. We have not offered this for a few years due to the overplanting of Norway Maples in general, but it is a good city tree. Grows pretty fast, not for smaller sites.

Red Oak (Quercus rubra) - \$119.50

SPRING ONLY, NOT AVAILABLE FALL

This is one of our native oaks that can produce an abundance of acorns. It will get huge and have reddish-purple fall color. If you have your heart set on an oak, this is one of the best. **Do not plant under utility lines.**



Littleleaf Linden (Tilia cordata) - \$107.50

**SPRING AND FALL**

Beautifully shaped tree, it has a distinctive pyramidal form. Provides excellent shade. Can grow quite tall - 60+ ft.- so not suitable under utility wires. Yellow fall color. **Do not plant under utility lines.**



Ginkgo - male only (Ginkgo biloba) - \$139.50

**SPRING ONLY, NOT AVAILABLE FALL**

This a commonly planted tree in NYC, which says it all about hardiness. Tall, small fan shaped leaves, yellow fall color, no insect pests or diseases. **Do not plant under utility lines.**



London Planetree (Platanus x acerifolia) - \$107.50

**SPRING, LIMITED AVAILABILITY IN FALL**

We include it because it is extremely hardy and has very interesting bark. Big leaves, button-balls, and half hearted yellow fall color. It is a preferred variety of Sycamore. **Do not plant under utility lines.**



Red Maple (Acer Rubrum) - \$117.00

**SPRING, LIMITED AVAILABILITY IN FALL**

No, this is not the one with dark leaves all year long but it does have the most intense red fall color of all! Fall is not the only time this tree shows off - the spring flower is red as well. **Does not like salt. Do not plant under utility lines.**



Green Ash (Fraxinus pennsylvanica) - \$104.50

**SPRING AND FALL**

Large tree that can grow to 60 ft. tall; mature ash trees line Washington Ave. from Quail St. to Brevator St. The leaves turn a brilliant yellow in the fall, one of the first to change color. **Do not plant under utility lines.**

## Caring for Your Tree

The trees we have selected are the best suited for the urban environment. In order to protect your investment and retain the beauty of your tree we suggest the following:

- ◆ After your tree is planted it should be watered frequently, a bucket once or twice a week, especially in hot, dry weather. This will help it to retain its shape and vigor.
- ◆ Watch that neighborhood animals do not make your tree their "rest stop"; animal droppings dramatically change soil conditions and will slowly kill a tree.
- ◆ Watch that vandals do not hang onto or break off branches; this can weaken limbs and open areas to invasion of insects or disease which can be fatal to the tree.
- ◆ Bracing stakes and wires are put on your tree to stabilize it until roots develop. These should be removed the following growing season. They can be removed by the person ordering and caring for the tree. If you are not able to remove the wires please call the Department of General Services, we will be glad to assist.

***Remember, with a little help from you a tree properly maintained and cared for will last a lifetime.***

***All information subject to change.***