



TOWN OF NARRAGANSETT
Narragansett Department of Public Works
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NEIGHBORHOOD TREE PLANTING PROGRAM PROJECT INFORMATION AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. What is the purpose of this project?

The project purpose is to plant shade trees on private property where they have the greatest chance for survival and long-term contribution to the community. The project requires that all trees must be planted within 25 feet of the public right-of-way (i.e. behind the street or sidewalk, etc.,).

2. Who will furnish and plant the tree?

The Town will purchase and plant the trees at no cost to the property owner. The actual planting will be done by the Town. Trees will be distributed on a first come first serve basis while the supply lasts to property owners who meet program eligibility requirements. The Town will plant up to two (2) trees per property owner, subject to availability and demand, and a maximum of 30 trees per year.

3. What are the program eligibility requirements?

Any Town citizen meeting the following program requirements is eligible to receive planted trees. They are:

- proof of property ownership
- completion of a Consent and Waiver Liability Form and Tree Selection Form
- agreement to care and water the tree for one year following planting

4. What is the Consent and Waiver Liability Form?

This form is a standard legal document between the property owner and the Town. By signing this document, the property owner gives the Town permission to access the property in order to plant a tree. The signed waiver also holds harmless Town officials, their employees, or contractors from any and all damage claims that arise from or are related to the project.

5. What is the Tree Placement Form?

This form asks you to draw a simple sketch to show the approximate tree planting location on your property. Place the position of the main road, your home with address and other major features (i.e., driveway, existing tree, or walkway, etc.,) in the sketch to help to identify where the tree is to be installed by others. Identify the tree planting location with an "X". The Town reserves the right to change the location i.e. Right Tree, Right Place. The homeowner can cancel the tree if the location is changed.



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6. Describe the tree types available under the program.

Plant selections will include Red Oak, Tulip-tree, and Sugar Maple. The trees will be between 1 1/2 caliper inches and about 10 feet tall at the time of installation. Plant selection may change from year to year.

7. Will I have a say in where the tree is planted on my property?

Yes. The Town will give you a wooden stake to place in the spot where the tree should be planted. Choose a location that is within 25 feet of the public right of way (i.e. front or side yard). Also, pick a site free of any overhead (i.e. utility wires, buildings, etc.) or underground obstructions (i.e. gas, water, sewer pipes, etc.,). The Town will have the underground utilities marked by DIG SAFE to help you select the planting location. Lastly, the Town staff is prepared to assist you with this decision should you want his/her advice.

8. How and when will the trees be planted?

The trees will be planted by the Town. The Town will be responsible for mulching the trees according to proper planting protocols established by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI A300 "Transplanting & Care"). The planting will start in the spring (April 1- June 30). Homeowners need not be present in order for the actual planting to take place.

9. What are the property owner's tree care responsibilities?

Under program requirements the property owner has agreed to water and care for the tree for up to 1 year following installation. Watering is critical for tree establishment. Homeowners should apply 10 gallons of water per week from the time of planting until early November. They should resume this watering schedule the following spring when the daily temperature increases (late April) and continue it during summer and fall. Care should consist of preventing weeds and grass from growing inside the mulch zone and replacing the mulch as it decomposes. For more tree care instructions, visit the Town of Narragansett website at narragansettri.gov, on the Public Works page, Tree Planting Program.

10. What happens in the event the tree dies after it is planted?

Should the tree die from natural causes within the first year following planting, it will be replaced by the Town at no cost to the property owner. Premature tree mortality due to an extreme weather event such as a tropical storm, hurricane, or blizzard, or from insect and/or disease attacks, vandalism, improper care, or mechanical injury (i.e., lawn-mower, line trimmers, snow removal, new construction, etc.,) shall not be honored under this tree replacement policy.



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11. Who owns the tree?

Once it is planted, the tree will become the property of the homeowner. The homeowner will assume full responsibility for the plant's future maintenance, including watering, pruning, and removal.

12. How is this tree planting project funded?

Funding for the project is provided by the Town. The funds will be used to purchase the trees and to the Town will administer the project.

13. How do I get the application forms and where do I send them?

To obtain all the necessary information and forms you will need to apply for the Neighborhood Tree Planting Program, contact the Narragansett Tree Warden, Stephen L. Daignault, Jr. at 401-782-0687 or by email at sdaignault@narragansettri.gov. All forms are available on the Town website, (<https://www.narragansettri.gov/662/Tree-Warden>) but if requested the complete application package with instructions can be sent to you by either e-mail or by snail mail. We prefer communicating electronically by email since it is quicker and more efficient than regular mail. All completed forms must be sent to Stephen L. Daignault, Jr., Tree Warden, Narragansett Public Works, 260 Westmoreland St, Narragansett, RI 02882. Remember there are a limited number of trees available each year, so the sooner you apply the better your chances are of receiving one of them.