



SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP TREE DONATION PROGRAM

Planting a tree in honor or in memory of the people we love, or to recognize those who positively influence our lives, is a centuries old tradition. The Springfield Township Shade Tree Commission is proud to offer residents the opportunity to create these living tributes while helping preserve our local tree canopy.

DATE: _____

DONOR/CONTACT INFO:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ TOWN/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

REASON/PURPOSE OF DONATION:

In Honor of **In Memory of** **General Donation**

PERSON BEING HONORED OR REMEMBERED: _____

DONOR PREFERENCES: Location/Tree Species (see Tree Donation List)

Donors may choose any Township park with planting availability. Planting availability will be determined annually. Tree species can be selected from an approved list. Exact size will depend on the type of tree selected and its availability.

COST: **Commemorative Tree: \$350** **Commemorative Tree with plaque installation: \$500**

Payment covers: purchase and delivery of tree, planting, staking, maintenance, installation of plaque, if one is being purchased.

SPECIES REQUESTED: *Please suggest 3 species of trees that you prefer.*

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

LOCATION REQUESTED: *Please suggest 3 public planting locations throughout Springfield Township that you prefer.*

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

PLANTING: Dedication requests may be made at any time of year but planting time (in the spring and/or fall) will be determined by the Township based upon the best time to plant the particular species chosen as determined by our tree provider.

CARE: The Township will take reasonable care to preserve newly planted trees and make all diligent efforts for the tree’s growth, but donors must realize that there may be conditions beyond Springfield Township’s control that threaten plantings and the township cannot be held responsible should the tree die or become diseased causing it’s removal. Trees have limited life spans and are subject to natural disasters, vandalism, disease, and abuse and expectations are that it may at some point need to be removed.

SUBMITTING YOUR DONATION:

Completed tree donation forms & payment should be mail to:

Attn: Springfield Twp. Shade Tree Commission
Tree Donation Program
1510 Paper Mill Road
Wyndmoor, PA 19038

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP SHADE TREE COMMISSION NATIVE TREE LIST

LARGER SHADE TREES



Red Maple - *Acer rubrum*

Pictured Left

Brings color to your landscape year-round. Green stems turn red in winter, new leaves are red-tinged, turning to green. Fall color is deep red or yellow. Flowers are also red. Fast growing and tolerant of many soils. Grows to 40' to 60', 40' spread.

Sugar Maple - *Acer saccharum*

Pictured Right

The Sugar Maple is a landscape standout. Medium to dark-green leaves turn yellow, burnt orange or red in fall. Tolerates shade, likes a well-drained, moderately moist, fertile soil. Do not plant in confined areas or where salt is a problem. Grows to 60' to 75', 40'-50' spread.



White Oak - *Quercus bicolor*

Pictured Left

The white oak is a large, strong, imposing specimen. It has a short stocky trunk with massive horizontal limbs. The wide spreading branches form an upright, broad-rounded crown. The bark is light ashy gray, scaly or shallow furrowed, variable in appearance, often broken into small, narrow, rectangular blocks and scales. The leaves are dark green to slightly blue-green in summer, brown and wine-red to orange-red in the fall. The fall foliage is showy. Oaks are wind pollinated.

American Elm - *Ulmus americana*

Pictured Right

American elm is a large tree widely known for its vase-like shape and rounded, multi-branched crown atop a thick, powerful trunk. It usually grows from 60 to 80 feet tall with a crown two-thirds as great. Its native range in the East extends from New England to Florida and westward to the foot of the Rocky Mountains



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Bald Cypress - *Taxodium distichum*

Pictured Left

The bald cypress tree is the classic tree of southern swamps. There, in its native habitat, it displays a peculiar habit of raising conical “knees” from its roots. The function of these growths is something of a mystery, although some believe it is a way to help the roots get oxygen. This tree dwells in swamps because it out-competes most other trees on such sites.

Sweetbay Magnolia - *Magnolia virginiana*

Pictured Right

The Sweetbay Magnolia has glistening dark green leaves with a silver underside that has a frosted appearance. The 2"-3" creamy white flowers have a light lemon scent and are visible in late spring and early summer. It is very elegantly shaped and is a good choice for a specimen or patio tree. Bright scarlet-red seeded fruit ripens in late summer attracting many birds. Prefers moist, acid soil with sun to partial shade.



Dawn Redwood - *Metasequoia glyptostroboides*

Pictured Left

An ancient tree that knew the dinosaurs but is well-suited to modern landscape plantings. Dawn Redwood is a deciduous conifer producing small, round 1/2" to 1" cones. It has a neat pyramidal shape in youth, maturing into a more rounded crown. The bright green, feathery leaves turn orange-brown or reddish-brown in the fall. Fast-growing and easily transplanted. One of the fastest-growing trees available. Grows to 70'-100', with a 25' spread.

MEDIUM/SMALL SIZE TREES

River Birch - *Betula nigra*

Pictured Right

As its name suggests, the river birch naturally grows along riverbanks. But as a landscape tree, it can be planted almost anywhere in the U.S. The species is valued for its relatively rapid growth, tolerance of wetness and some drought, unique curling bark, spreading limbs, and relative resistance to birch bore.



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Eastern Redbud - *Cercis canadensis*

Pictured Left

Rosy pink flowers appear in April. Reddish-purple leaves change to dark green, then to yellow. Forms a spreading, graceful crown. Full sun or light shade. Partial shade preferred in windy, dry areas. Grows to 20' to 30', 30' spread. (zones 4-9)

Flowering Dogwood - *Cornus Florida*

Pictured Right

An excellent landscape choice for all four seasons, the dogwood is a favorite in many yards and gardens. White/pink “flowers” show their beauty in spring, foliage turns a vibrant red-purple in fall, and glossy red fruits attract winter songbirds for the enjoyment of all.



Easter Red Cedar “Red Juniper”- *Juniperus virginiana*

Pictured Left

Dense pyramid shape excellent for windbreaks and screens. Birds love its berries. Medium green foliage. Likes full sun. Tolerant of most soils. Matures at 40' - 50'.

Winter King Hawthorne - *Crataegus viridis*

Pictured Right

White flowers in early June start the color show. Reddish-purple leaves turn dark green, then orange, scarlet or purple. Small, glossy red fruits stay on tree into winter, and are preferred by songbirds. Grows to 25' to 30', 25' spread.



**Information courtesy of the Arbor Day Foundation.*