



# **PLANT TREES...MAKE WCN & FORT WAYNE COOL**

## **2017 WCNA Street Tree Program Guidelines**

Your new shade tree(s) will have a 2-inch diameter trunk and be from 8 to 14 feet tall, depending on the variety.

### **Tree Placement No-No's**

We want to make sure your new tree(s) are placed so it/they will not become a nuisance in the future. Please check your request against the following list to see if there might be a potential problem. The City may not be able to plant trees in the following situations:

- On private property. The City can plant only on public property.
- Under utility wires.
- In a park strip less than 5 feet in any direction.
- Within 40 feet of an intersecting street, alley or commercial driveway, or within 15 feet of a residential driveway.
- Within 40 feet of the trunk of another nearby tree on the street or in an adjacent yard (this is somewhat flexible).
- Within 10 feet of a street light, fire hydrant or traffic signal pole.
- Within 3 feet of curbs and/or sidewalks in poor condition.

### **The deadline for applications is June 25, 2017.**

Please note that West Central funding and City budgets may not allow approval of all applications. Applications will be initially prioritized in order of receipt.

### **After we receive your application...**

West Central volunteers will submit your application to the City Forestry Department and their experts will evaluate your application and see if your request may be accommodated. If planting space is available, planting locations will be marked with an **orange V** on the adjacent curb or street and you will be notified of the variety which can be planted.

Planting will occur under the supervision of the Arbor Division of the City of Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department. You will receive instructions on how to care for your new arrival after planting. If the tree dies for a reason other than abuse or vandalism, please call to 427-6480 and the City will look into a replacement.

### **Once your new tree is planted...**

Please water your new tree when the weather is dry. This is especially helpful during the first summer after the tree is planted.

### **Suitable Trees for Fort Wayne Streets**

Trees planted along Fort Wayne's City streets must be "good neighbor" trees. Some trees are better neighbor trees than others. "Good neighbor" trees have root systems that reach deep but do not invade sewer systems. They grow quickly, but have good, strong branch structures that are resistant to storm damage and that are capable of having their lower branches removed so people can walk and drive under them. "Good neighbor" trees do not drop large quantities of messy seeds, fruit, bark, twigs, and leaves through the growing season. To ensure the trees have a long, healthy life, the best trees are naturally disease and insect resistant, and are tolerant of salt laden snowmelt, compacted soils, air pollution, and other urban stresses. If that is not enough, "good neighbor" trees must be

beautiful in their form, autumn color, and other ornamental aspects. The City's experts are trained to identify potential problems for each planting location and will offer the best recommendation possible for the most appropriate tree for your situation. The following list includes some of the best varieties of the hardiest trees for planting along our city streets. The trees list below is a list of trees that we approve to be planted in the city right of way. The availability of each species differs from one season to the next

<b>Approved Street Tree Species</b>	
<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Botanical Name</b>
Honeylocust	(Gledistia triacanthos)
American Linden	(Tilia americana )
Littleleaf Linden	(Tilia cordata )
Sugar Maple	(Acer Saccharum)
Freeman Maple	(Acer x freemanii )
Red Maple (very limited)	(Acer rubrum)
Bloodgood London Plane	(Platanusxacerifolia 'Bloodgood')
Hybrid Elms	(Ulmus spp)
Common Hackberry	(Celtis occidentalis)
Red Oak	(Quercus rubra)
White Oak	(Quercus alba)
Bur Oak	(Quercus macrocarpa)
English Oak	(Quercus robur)
Swamp White Oak	(Quercus bicolor)
Northern Pin Oak	(Quercus ellipsoidalis)
Shingle Oak	(Quercus imbricaria)
Heritage Oak	(Quercus Macdanielli 'Clemons' PPAF)
Tulip Tree	(Liriodendron tulipifera)
Sweetgum (limited quantity)	(Liquidambar styraciflua 'Rotundiloba')
Japanese Zelkova	(Zelkova serrata)
Espresso Kentucky Coffee Tree	(Gymnocladus dioicus 'Espresso')
Chinquapin Oak	(Quercus muehlenbergii)
Northern Black Oak	(Quercus velutina)
European Hornbeam	(Carpinus betulus)
American Hop Hornbeam	(Ostrya virginiana)

## **Questions?**

Parks Department: 427-6000

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