



Lancaster Tree Commission Cost Sharing Program

The Cost Sharing Program is designed to provide trees along city streets at a shared cost between Lancaster City Residents and the Lancaster Tree Commission. This will be an annual program with planting available in the Spring and Fall.

Trees are an asset to our community and our future. Tree-lined streetscapes enhance the beauty of our neighborhoods, as well as, add to our property values in our community. Not only do the cooling effects of the shade contribute to energy savings in the summer, trees act as an evaporative air conditioner from transpiration of moisture from the leaves. It's said that communities with trees can be as much as twelve degrees cooler in the summer. Trees also filter the storm water runoff and help improve the environment by cleaning the air and water. In the winter, trees slow the cold winds and reduce heating costs to home owners.

Application Deadlines:

Spring planting applications must be in by March 1st and planting will be in April/May.
Fall planting applications must be in by September 1st and planting will be in Oct/Nov.

Cost:

Lancaster City Resident – 50% of tree

Cost depends on tree size:

- 1.5" caliper is \$75
- 2" caliper is \$100

Lancaster Tree Commission – 50% of tree

- The Tree Commission will maintain the city tree.



Please Note:

- Planting site must be on the city street right-of-way and inside city limits
- Utilities must be marked in advance of site evaluation ***
- Trees are not normally recommended in tree lawns much less than 30" wide
- Trees are not recommended under utility lines, or mature height must be less than the height of the lines
- Trees must be 35' from street/alley corners and 10' from fire hydrants
- Trees must not interfere with underground utility lines
- Preferable to plant the largest tree species appropriate for the tree lawn width
- Residents are encouraged to provide routine care of the tree; such as watering the new tree once a week (at least 1" of water) at least the first two summers and falls or as needed during dry weather
- The City Arborist will make final decision on planting and location
- Tree Commission will maintain care of the tree, such as pruning
- Program funding is limited

***Contact the Ohio Utilities Protection Service, 8-1-1 or 1-800-362-2764

How it Works:

1. Resident needs to determine if a tree is a right choice for them.
2. Resident then fills out the Cost Sharing Program Application and returns it to Lancaster Parks and Recreation/Tree Commission.
3. Resident needs to contact the Ohio Utilities Protection Service to have utilities marked.
4. Once application is received by Tree Commission, a site evaluation will be conducted.
5. Once approved, the planting will be set up for either Spring or Fall planting.
6. If planting is not approved for the site, Tree Commission will be in contact with you.
7. Tree will then be planted in the appropriate months by the Tree Commission.
8. Resident is encouraged to water the new tree once a week (at least 1" of water) at least for the first two summers and falls or as needed during dry weather.
9. Tree Commission will then maintain the city tree, for such things as pruning.