



The Chicago Park District
GREEN DEED TREE DEDICATION PROGRAM
Plant a Tree, Grow a Memory



Do you know someone extraordinary whom you would like to honor? Are you planning a special event which you would like to memorialize?

If so, the Chicago Park District has a creative way for you to celebrate significant people and noteworthy events. The Green Deed Tree Dedication Program allows you to have a tree planted in the park of your choice, providing lasting recognition of the significant people and occasions in your life.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Your Green Deed Tells the Story

Donors will receive a Green Deed presentation certificate which details the person or event being honored, the type of tree planted and the planting location. The Green Deed certificate is suitable for framing; it bears the seal of the Chicago Park District, and is signed by the General Superintendent and the President of the Chicago Park District Board of Commissioners.

You Choose the Type of Tree

Donors may select any tree variety from the attached lists. Special requests for trees not on the lists will be evaluated by knowledgeable Park District staff with regard to the requested tree's hardiness, availability and suitability for use in public spaces. Where a special request cannot be accommodated, Park District staff will work with the donor to find an appropriate alternative.

You Choose the Location

Donors may request a specific park and planting location. All location requests are reviewed and finalized by CPD staff in coordination with the donor. Green Deed trees may be planted only on Chicago Park District property and are installed only by CPD contractors.

Planting Seasons

The spring planting season is May 1 to July 15; fall planting is September 15 to November 15. Planting seasons are approximate and may vary according to weather and other factors.

Your Green Deed tree will be planted in the next planting season after the request is received. Green Deed tree requests must be received by April 15 for spring planting and by September 1 for fall planting; these are the dates by which our "dig orders" must be submitted to the nurseries. Requests received after these dates will be accommodated whenever possible, but may require rescheduling to the following planting season.

Please note that, due to their cultural requirements, some trees are dug by the nurseries only in the spring; these trees are planted **only** during the spring planting season.

Tree Guarantee

All Green Deed trees are guaranteed for two years from the date of planting. If the tree fails to thrive within two years, it will be replaced in the next appropriate planting season, free of charge.

Questions?

Please call the Chicago Park District's dedicated Green Deed Tree phone line at (312) 742-5414 if you have any questions or comments, or would like further information about the Green Deed Tree Dedication Program.



**Green Deed Tree Dedication Program
TREE DEDICATION PROCESS**



STEPS FOR DEDICATING A GREEN DEED TREE

1. Fill out the Green Deed Tree Request Form on this page.
2. Attach a check or money order, made payable to the Chicago Park District Tree Fund, for the amount listed below for the type of tree requested.
3. Return the completed Green Deed Tree Request Form and your check or money order to:

Green Deed Tree Dedication Program
Department of Natural Resources
Chicago Park District
541 North Fairbanks Court
Chicago IL 60611

GREEN DEED TREE REQUEST FORM

Donor Name: _____

Donor Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Contact Phone: _____

Person or event being honored (If you would like to personalize your Green Deed Certificate, please provide your requested dedication language on the back of this form or on a separate sheet):

Choose the type of tree you would like to dedicate:

Quantity	Type of Tree	Size	Form	Cost per Tree
_____	Shade Tree	3½ to 4 inch caliper	single-trunk	\$ 800.00
_____	Ornamental Tree	2 to 2½ inch caliper	single-trunk	\$ 600.00
_____	Ornamental Tree	8 to 10 foot height	multi-stemmed	\$ 600.00

Specific tree you would like planted (see attached tree lists):

Park and general location within the park in which you would like your tree planted:

How did you hear about the Green Deed Tree Dedication Program?

I am enclosing a check or money order made payable to the Chicago Park District Tree Fund in the amount of: _____

Your donation is deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. The Chicago Park District welcomes additional contributions to the Tree Fund, which are also tax deductible.



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TREE INFORMATION

ORNAMENTAL TREE LIST

Ornamental trees are characterized by spring or early summer flowering displays followed by ornamental fruit set and, often, showy fall color, providing year-round seasonal interest. Generally growing smaller than shade trees, most ornamental trees are available in both single and multiple stemmed forms.

Due to specific cultural requirements, some ornamental trees are dug by the nurseries only in the spring and may be planted **only** during the spring planting season. These trees, which are noted below as “spring planting only” cannot be planted in the fall.

Amelanchier x grandiflora

Apple Serviceberry

One of the earliest flowering of the ornamental trees, this multiple-stemmed Midwestern native produces masses of white flowers in early to mid April. The small red fruit, which ripen in June, are a favorite with birds. Blue-green summer foliage changes in the fall to a spectacular range of yellows, oranges and reds, providing one of the best displays of autumn color.

Cercis canadensis

Eastern Redbud

Redbud’s flowers are actually bright purplish-red in bud, opening to rosy-pink. In mid April the tiny flowers are born in profusion along the twigs and stems of this small, spreading tree. The new leaves, which appear as the flowers fade, are reddish purple, changing to a lustrous dark green in the summer.

Cornus mas

Corneliancherry Dogwood

spring planting only

Very early flowering, Corneliancherry Dogwood produces an abundance of small, bright yellow flowers in early to mid March, well before any other ornamental trees. Bright cherry-red fruit follow, ripening in July, and are very popular with birds and other wildlife. Oval to spreading in habit, this tree has dark glossy green summer foliage and muted purple-red fall color.

Crataegus crusgalli inermis

Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn

spring planting only

An excellent native Midwestern ornamental tree, this thornless Hawthorn is covered with white flowers in mid to late May. In the summer, lustrous dark green foliage provides a backdrop for masses of small deep red fruit, which ripen in September and persist through the winter. Fall leaf color is bronzy to purplish-red.

Malus var.

Flowering Crabapple

spring planting only

The showiest flower displays of the Midwest’s ornamental trees belong to the Crabapples, which begin blooming in late April and continue through the end of May. Flower color depends on the cultivar and includes many shades of white, pink and red, even reddish purple. Many cultivars also have good fruit set, extending the ornamental qualities of the trees well into winter. When ordering a Crabapple, please indicate the preferred flower color and we will select a suitable cultivar.

Viburnum prunifolium

Blackhaw Viburnum

Native to the Chicago region and tolerant of urban soils, Blackhaw Viburnum flowers in May. The creamy white flowers are followed in September by small dark blue fruit, which make this tree a valuable food resource for migrating birds. Dark green summer foliage changes from purple to deep red and bronze in the fall.