

City of New Bedford reminds residents of Adopt-a-Tree program

"The City of New Bedford would like to remind residents of its Adopt-a-Tree program. The program, which kicked off in 2014 under Mayor Mitchell's administration, invites residents to make a \$150 contribution to the City of New Bedford which enables the Department of Public Infrastructure (DPI) to plant a tree on their street. Residents may select the species of their choice from a pre-approved list of tree types which DPI then plants per the resident's direction.

Any resident interested in the Adopt-a-Tree Program may contact DPI at (508) 979-1550. The list can be found here: <https://www.newbedford-ma.gov/special-announcements/adopt-a-tree-program/>. If residents are interested in picking out a street tree, the City purchases shade trees through Sylvan Nursery, Inc. Any selection is subject to approval by DPI."- City of New Bedford.

The Small & Flowery



Kwanzan Cherry

Grows to 25ft. Its vibrant pink flowers are a sure sign of spring, making it a homeowner favorite.



Hawthorn

Grows to 30ft. The attractive red berries catch the attention of many species of birds, with white flowers that display in the spring.



Purple leaf Plum

Grows to 25ft, producing pink flowers in the spring and an edible fruit in the summer.



Lilac

Grows to 30ft, with flowers resembling hydrangeas. Adapts to many different soils.

Facts about the planting crews

We plant trees using ANSI (American National Standards Institute) A300 tree care standards. This ensure all decision-making and work is consistent with best practices.

Continuing education is a must for anyone in the tree business, and this includes the City Arborist. He and his crews participate in ongoing training to ensure they have the most current understanding of forestry best practices to ensure the health and longevity of New Bedford's urban forest.

Please join us and help make a difference by invigorating New Bedford's urban forest for many years to come.

Adopt your tree today!



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Did you know?

New Bedford has always loved trees. In 1913 the New Bedford Branch of the Massachusetts Forestry Association was founded, and for decades after, the branch planted thousands of young trees funded by public subscription. It's time to fully revive this spirit of citizen-driven forestation through our Adopt-a-Tree program.

In three simple steps you can do your part to ensure that our urban forest will continue to provide all of the wonderful benefits we enjoy.

1. Contact the Department of Public Infrastructure at 508-979-1550 ext. 67350 to arrange a site inspection with the City Arborist. The purpose of this is to discuss the feasibility of planting and what tree species is most favorable for the site.
2. After the site inspection you can select a tree from the City Approved Tree Species list found within this pamphlet.*
3. Write a check to the City of New Bedford in the amount of \$150 and label the check "Adopt-a-Tree." You can drop it off in the white drop boxes in front of 1105 Shawmut Avenue and City Hall, or on Elm Street by the SRTA terminal. You can also mail the check to the address provided on the front of this brochure. The tree will then be picked up from the nursery and planted at no extra charge.

Trees are planted in the Spring and Fall

The Tall and Mighty



Elm

Can grow 70 to 100ft. Perfect for casting shade and blocking wind.



Tulip

Can grow 70 to 100ft and are perfect in wet areas and produce a beautiful tulip flower.



Tupelo

Can grow 60 to 100ft and are also perfect in wet/soaked areas. An added benefit is the spectacular fall color.



Sweetgum

Can grow 60 to 75ft. This tree is very adaptable to any soil type thus making it an ideal urban street tree.



Princeton Gingko

Can grow up to 50ft. This variety of Gingko does not drop fruit and is pest-free.

The Medium and Bold



Hop Hornbeam

Can grow up to 40ft and do well in wet areas. The unique seeds resemble beer hops.



Sourwood

Can grow 25 to 40ft. Also known as Sorrel trees, they offer delight in every season, with flowers in summer, brilliant color in fall.



Linden(greenspire)

Can grow 40 to 50ft. Its green leaves cast excellent shade in the summer and turn golden yellow in the fall.



Honey locust

Can grow 20 to 50ft. An open rounded tree with slightly arching branches, it provides dappled shade.

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