

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE ADOPT-A-TREE APPLICATION

This application is a request to the City of Fort Lauderdale to enroll me in the Adopt-A-Tree Program. By signing I affirm my commitment to the planting and initial care of one or more tree(s) on the public property adjacent to my property.

Prior to the planting of such tree(s), I agree to contact Sunshine State One (811) to ensure that any excavation will not affect utilities, cables and pipes. Also, I will make sure that the trees are not planted under overhead wires, unless acceptable species have been provided. I will also locate the tree away from water lines and meters, sewer lines or any underground utility that might be impacted by the roots of the tree(s).

I agree to water and maintain any such tree(s), following watering and care instructions provided by the City of Fort Lauderdale, so as to ensure their survival. The City of Fort Lauderdale Code of Ordinance protects such trees and provides the sole procedure for their removal by the homeowner, if necessary.

I understand that when this application is signed by myself and the City of Fort Lauderdale, it is a binding agreement. I further understand that the City reserves the right to remove any tree planted pursuant the Adopt-A-Tree Program when such removal is deemed in the public interest, and that no compensation for such removal will be made by the City to the homeowner. In the event of any such removal, the City agrees to restore the location to as near its former condition as is feasible.

Signature

Date

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(Please Print)

Civic Association (optional)

Name

Address

Zip Code

Telephone Number

Email

Desired Tree Species (if any) and Number of Trees

Are there overhead utility lines in the swale?

Yes No

CITY FORESTER'S NOTES

Number of trees adopted:

Species

Comments



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ADOPT-A-TREE PROGRAM

Trees are an important asset to the City of Fort Lauderdale and its citizens. Through the Adopt-A-Tree Program, Fort Lauderdale is able to form a partnership with concerned citizens to improve our neighborhood streets. Adopting a tree is a big commitment and should be taken seriously. Please read the following information to see if you wish to adopt a tree.

YOUR COMMITMENT

To participate in the City of Fort Lauderdale Adopt-A-Tree Program, you agree to complete the following:

- Plant all trees on the City swale (the area between the sidewalk or property line and the street).
- Plant all trees within a few days of delivery.
- Water and maintain trees to ensure survival.
- Ensure that the planting will not affect utilities, cables and pipes by contacting **Sunshine State One** (811) prior to planting to identify any potential underground conflicts.
- Discontinue any parking on the swale.
- Plant trees in a location that is:
 1. At least **4 feet** from the edge of curbed streets and **6 feet** from the edge of non-curbed streets.
 2. At least **15 feet** from fire hydrants or street lights.
 3. At least **25 feet** from street corners and street signs.
 4. At least **30 feet** from a large growing tree (newly planted or existing) and **20 feet** from a small growing tree.

THE CITY'S COMMITMENT

As a partner of the Adopt-A-Tree Program, the City of Fort Lauderdale agrees to providing you with:

- Tree species that will best suit your swale and community.
- Tree(s) of good quality.
- Tree(s) of a size easily planted by the average person.
- Planting and care instructions.



TREE SPECIES AVAILABLE

Adopt-A-Tree Program trees are purchase from local nurseries so many species are available. Mostly native and flowering trees are used in the Adopt-A-Tree Program. Once your application is received, the City Forester will inspect the swale area adjacent to your house and determine whether your location is appropriate and what size and type of tree is acceptable for your area. Tree species are classified as small, medium or large size classes and the recommended size class is based on the planting space available.

DELIVERY PROCEDURE

- Adopt-A-Tree Program trees are delivered about once every three (3) months.
- About a week before delivery, the City Forester will call with a selection of tree species.
- Trees will be delivered on a Friday so that you have the weekend to plant. The trees are potted so if you water daily they will keep for a week or two if necessary.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your consideration of Fort Lauderdale's Adopt-A-Tree Program. If you would like to adopt a tree, please return the attached application and we will review your application and contact you when your tree(s) are ready for adoption. If you have any questions, please contact the Urban Forester at 954-828-5785.

Please complete and send the form electronically to mawilliams@fortlauderdale.gov or print and send to the below address:

City of Fort Lauderdale
C/O Sustainability Division, Urban Forester
101 NE 3rd Avenue, Suite #1400
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

For more information about this and other tree programs, please visit: gyr.fortlauderdale.gov/trees