



WHAT IS FOREST SPOKANE?

The City of Spokane has embarked on an effort to green and beautify Spokane's neighborhoods by creating the Forest Spokane initiative.

The initiative aims to work with Spokane neighborhood councils, residents and invested community partners to increase the number of trees in our urban forest.

As a part of this exciting new initiative Forest Spokane would like to invite you to participate in increasing our urban forest tree population by planting trees in your

If you would like to get involved contact Alicia Powell in the Office of Neighborhood Services at (509) 625-6780 or apowell@spokanecity.org in addition go to the website at www.spokaneneighborhoods.org/ForestSpokane



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WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF PLANTING TREES?

Spokane's urban forest is a large network of various tree species that individually and collectively benefit residents, neighborhoods, and our community. Trees make our city more livable and improve our quality of life. A healthy, maintained and diversified urban forest provides benefits to our environment, reduces economical costs and improves our social well being.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Reduce stormwater runoff where it falls by eliminating the need for detention ponds and flood control. Improve air quality by absorbing pollutants, interception of particulates like dust, ash and dirt to name a few, reduces carbon dioxide and increases oxygen. Trees create local ecosystems that provide habitat and food for birds and other animals.

ECONOMIC

Increase property values by 7-10 percent. Reduce the use of air-conditioning in the summer months and the use of heating in winter months by blocking wind and snow accumulation. Reduce the use of electricity and thus pay lower electricity bills.

SOCIAL

The presence of trees creates a calming effect and reduces stress levels and fatigue. Increased pedestrian activity in urban settings thus increasing physical activity. Publicly and privately planted trees soften the urban landscape by providing a green sanctuary and making Spokane a more enjoyable place to live, work, and play.



PROJECTS INCLUDED IN THE FOREST SPOKANE INITIATIVE:

In order to fully utilize all tree planting opportunities Forest Spokane aims to integrate tree planting projects with other City projects and work with Spokane's residents and neighborhoods to plant trees. The programs that are available under the Forest Spokane initiative are provided below.

RESIDENTIAL TREE PLANTINGS

This program focuses on working with Spokane residents to plant trees in adjacent planting strips and/or in their front yard.

GREENING NEIGHBORHOODS - GRANT PROGRAM

This program encourages neighborhood councils to identify projects that aim to enhance neighborhood landscapes through tree planting and the installation of other vegetation like, low lying shrubs, grasses and other native perennials.

Neighborhood Councils may apply for up to \$5,000 in funding to be put toward their projects and will be entered into a contest where one neighborhood will win the Greening Spokane's Neighborhood Award and will be awarded up to a maximum of an additional \$5,000 for a second project.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Forest Spokane will integrate tree planting projects with other capital improvement projects that take place across Spokane. From sidewalk repairs and replacement to the combined sewer overflow (CSO) tank sites; Spokane is making a commitment to maximize the number of trees planted per project.

PARTNERS

Forest Spokane wants to work with our active community organizations and non-profits who are dedicated to planting trees and sustainable programs that aim to keep our river clean, our air clean and our urban forest healthy.



HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR TREE:

All trees planted in the public right-of-way must be planted by a certified arborist. An arborist will inspect the site for underground and over head utilities. Once utilities have been located a list of appropriate and available tree species will be provided to the property owner. As part of the Forest Spokane initiative you will receive a free tree to be installed.

In return we ask that you commit to caring for your newly installed tree by filling out the Permission to Plant & Commitment to Care application form and by doing so agree to give your tree the basic care it needs for survival.

BASIC TREE CARE

All newly planted trees need basic care in the first three (3) years after planting. The basic needs of most trees include regular watering and weeding around the base of the tree.

WATERING

Trees require basic needs such as watering for a minimum of three (3) years until establishment. Five (5) gallons of water per inch of trunk diameter should be applied to the root zone per week. Water your tree once a week and twice during hot weather.

WEEDING

Keep the area around your tree free of weeds so that the tree is not competing for resources like, soil nutrients and water. Weeding is also important because some weeds release chemicals into the soil that will inhibit tree root growth and slow tree establishment.

COMMITMENT TO CARE

If you are receiving a new tree a Permission to Plant & Commitment to Care form must be filled out and returned to the Office of Neighborhood Services before installation.