



Cost Match Tree Program for Tempe

Dear Tempe Resident:

Thank you for contacting the City of Tempe Urban Forestry regarding the Cost Match Tree Program. The program encourages the planting of trees on private property throughout the city of Tempe and is supported by the city's Urban Forestry Master Plan, the Climate Action Plan, and Tempe City Council's Strategic Priority Performance Measure 4.11 – Achieve a city-wide (City and private property) 25% tree and shade canopy by 2040. All Tempe single-family residents are welcome to participate.

The city invites private property owners to join in the effort to grow our urban forest canopy helping to increase the value and environmental, economic, and societal health benefits that trees provide our community. Let's plant together, helping to provide a sustainable and healthy lifestyle for the Tempe community.

Why should I participate?

- Elevate neighborhood pride
- Community support and benefit
- Healthy standard of living
- Enjoy the numerous benefits trees provide

There is an application process that includes a donation opportunity. Prior to submitting your application, please carefully consider the type of tree, the growing space and care it will need, and any surrounding infrastructure like your house, driveway, sidewalks, utilities, and even the same on your neighbor's property. The specific details of the program are listed below:

- Limit of two trees per residential property.
- All tree species and potential planting locations must be approved by the program coordinator. We both encourage and will work with the applicant for tree species diversity to provide benefits and value for the property. The program coordinator reserves the right to restrict the planting of some species based on high water use, environmental concerns, local laws, restrictions, and neighborhood/community policies.
- No multi-family units or HOA common areas, but residents can work through neighborhood associations and HOAs to help coordinate plantings for individual property owners.
- Blue stake marking, excavation, planting, care, and future maintenance will be the **responsibility of the property owner.**

- Property owner assumes all liability for accepting, planting, and caring for all program tree(s) planted on their property.
- Property owners can hire a contractor to install the tree(s); these costs are not covered by this program.
- Trees will be delivered to the property boundary.
- Planting/care instructions will be provided.
- A planting/maintenance agreement is part of the application and will be retained on file, with planting locations recorded on a citywide planting map.
- Property owner is to notify the program coordinator should the tree be damaged, vandalized, or have problems.
- City of Tempe Urban Forestry reserves the right to make the final determination on all program applications.

No trees will be given away for free as the city is interested in personal buy-in from the property owner for the program to succeed. The property owner is responsible for 50% of the cost of the tree. The actual amount will be based on the total cost of the tree, including tax and delivery (if applicable). The average size of the tree will be either a 15-gallon or 24" box/25-gallon, depending upon species and availability.

Payment by check from the property owner is due once the application is approved, and a delivery date will be coordinated and scheduled. Do not send any money until you are notified that your application has been approved.

Cost example for an average 24" box-sized tree (wholesale) at \$150.00. (Actual cost may vary)

Property Owner	City of Tempe
\$75.00	\$75.00

There is also an opportunity on the application for residents to donate their city match to the program or to assist a neighbor in planting another tree.

The program can extend to schools and non-profit organization planting activities. The limit for schools and non-profit organizations would be five trees per location. The same cost-matching details as listed above apply. Please contact the program coordinator for details.

A certificate will be issued for each tree, and the property owner agrees to have the tree placed on a community tree inventory map. The program coordinator will monitor the tree(s) periodically (up to three years) to ensure the tree(s) are healthy and being properly maintained.



City of Tempe
Community Services Department
Parks and Recreation
Urban Forestry

Cost Match Tree Program Application

Name: _____ Best Phone Contact #: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Planting
address/location: _____

Describe the tree planting you are proposing: _____

Please provide a sketch of the property and planting location

Qty	Species	Size
_____	_____	24" box/25gal 15 gallon

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I would like to donate my cost match for planting another tree in Tempe.

Planting and Maintenance Agreement

If my application for a tree(s) is approved, I agree to make sure the tree(s) are planted properly and will be responsible for any of the ongoing care and maintenance. I understand that the City of Tempe will deliver the tree(s) to the property boundary and that I will be responsible for having the tree(s) planted within three (3) days following receipt of the tree(s).

The applicant or their agent is responsible for utility Blue Stake marking. This is a no-cost service and can be contacted by calling 811. I understand this is a responsibility before planting, and I am responsible for any damage done to utilities or other infrastructure during the planting process.

I understand the program coordinator will monitor the tree(s) in the week following the delivery to confirm the tree(s) were planted as shown on the application, and that the tree(s) may be monitored periodically during the following three (3) years to ensure proper care and maintenance.

If the tree is damaged, vandalized, or has problems, I will contact the program coordinator. If any of these listed issues have resulted in tree death or a severe decline in health during the monitoring period and the program coordinator has not been notified, I may be responsible for the reimbursement of the city share of the cost of the tree(s).

The City of Tempe will assist by providing information on planting, care, and maintenance of your new tree(s). If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the program coordinator.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Approved: _____ Date: _____

Tree(s) delivered: _____ Date: _____

Tree(s) planted: _____ Date: _____