



THE VILLAGE OF
OAK LAWN

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Divisions of: Street, Sewer, Water & Equipment
Maintenance

2013-2014 Parkway Tree Planting Packet

Dear Resident,

Thank you for your interest in participating in the cost share tree-planting program. Applications received will be placed in the next available planting season, related to date of receipt.

Place your order now to secure your tree planting order at the soonest planting date and increase your chances of obtaining your first selection! Quantities of certain species of trees are limited in order to increase the diversity of our forest. Some species we planted in the past are no longer being planted in Oak Lawn due to lack of success of those trees. Please call the Village of Oak Lawn Forestry Division as soon as possible to reserve your first choice.

The enclosed material outlines species available for your location and ordering procedures for the Village's cost share parkway tree planting program. Please read over this material, make your selection and submit your completed form. The Village's Forestry Division will take care of the rest. Please note that it is a popular program and is limited! Don't delay. Start researching today!

Planting usually occurs the months of April or May. We will confirm your planting date with a letter or e-mail prior to planting.

If you are unsure of which species to select, please submit your order with "Species to be determined" as your selection. To assist in the selection process, you can visit our demonstration site at 99th St. & Central, around the ballpark. We have planted various species available to you. Each tree has a visible identification sign for your convenience. The Division is available to assist in species selection as well. Additionally the application on our website, www.oaklawn-il.gov has links to species information.

We appreciate your interest. Together we can keep Oak Lawn's Village forest growing.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at 708-499-7098 or mbasile@oaklawn-il.gov.

Sincerely,

Matt Basile, Matt Basile, Village Forester



SAMPLE TREE DESCRIPTIONS

Large Shade Trees : Potential height greater than 40'

Common Name	Botanical Name	Height	Spread	Form	Rate	Sun	Comments
<u>Bald Cypress</u>	<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	50-70ø	20-30ø	Pyramidal	M		Sun; adaptable to wet, dry, and swampy locations; prefers acidic soils, chlorosis symptoms with high pH soil; straight narrow tree with wide base; sage green leaves turn a russet-red in fall; a stately deciduous conifer; native to Midwest.
<u>Dawn Redwood</u>	<i>Metasequoia glyptostroboides</i>	50-60ø	30-50ø	Pyramidal	F		Similar to Bald Cypress, but more unusual shape. Green and gold varieties available. Deciduous conifer. Thought to be extinct but rediscovered in China in 1947.
<u>Elm</u>	<i>Ulmus</i>	40-60ø	30-40ø	Pyramidal to vase	F		Good DED resistance; stress tolerant; possible yellow fall color. ('Regal' and 'Accolade' are just a few potential cultivars.)
<u>Ginkgo</u>	<i>Gingko Biloba</i>	50-80ø	30-40ø	Pyramidal to wide spread	S		Full sun; moist fertile soil; ph adaptable; displays good salt, heat, and air pollution tolerance; bright green, fan-shaped leaves change to an excellent yellow fall color; select male cultivars only
<u>Kentucky Coffeetree **</u>	<i>Gymnocladus dioicus</i>	40-60ø	40-50ø	Broad to wide spread	S/M		Full sun to part shade; best in moist soil; tolerant of high pH, drought, and pollution; yellow fall color; thick seed pods of female trees offer winter interest; male trees are seedless; native to Midwest
<u>Sweet gum</u>	<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	60-70ø	40-50ø	Upright	M		Interesting star shaped leaves. Beautiful fall color.
<u>Japanese Zelkova</u>	<i>Zelkova serrata</i>	50-80ø	50-75ø	Vase	F		In the elm family, good fall color, interesting bark.
<u>Oak, Northern Pin</u>	<i>Quercus ellipsoidalis</i>	55-65ø	50-60ø	Rounded	M		Similar to pin oak but more tolerant of Oak Lawn soil. Nice fall color. Not always available.
<u>Oak, Bur</u>	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	70-80ø	80-90ø	Broad	S		Sun; very adaptable to most soils and pH; difficult to transplant; more tolerant to urban conditions than other oaks; native to Midwest.
<u>Oak, Chinkapin</u>	<i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i>	40-50ø	50-70ø	Rounded	S		Full sun; prefers rich, Well-drained soils; tolerant of alkaline soil; difficult to transplant
<u>Oak, Swamp White</u>	<i>Quercus bicolor</i>	55-65ø	55-65ø	Rounded	M		Full sun, adaptable to most soils, tolerates poorly drained soil, does very well in Oak Lawn.

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Large Shade Trees : Potential height Greater than 40'							<i>Continued from above...</i>
Common Name	Botanical Name	Height	Spread	Form	Rate	Sun	Comments
<u>London Plane Tree</u>	<i>Platanus x acerifolia</i>	75-100ø	60-75ø	Rounded	F		Large tree tolerant of poor soil, beautiful smooth cream colored bark. Cross between American sycamore and oriental planetree.
<u>Yellow Buckeye</u>	<i>Aesculus flava</i>	60-80ø	30ø	Upright Oval	M		A handsome tree similar to horsechestnut. More disease resistant than horsechestnut or Ohio buckeye.
<u>Katsura Tree</u>	<i>Cercidiphyllum japonicum</i>	40-60ø	20-40ø	Pyramidal	M		Pretty heart shaped leaves, variable shape with age, suffers if not watered in drought.
<u>Hackberry</u>	<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	40-60ø	40-50ø	Broad oval to vase	M/F		Full sun (young plants prefer part shade); acid or alkaline soils; tolerant of temporarily wet sites and pollution; native to the Midwest
<u>American Beech</u>	<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	70-90ø	50-60ø	Rounded	S		Beautiful smooth bark. Large tree. Not always available.
<u>European Beech</u>	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	50-70ø	40-50ø	Rounded	S		Smaller but hardier than American Beech. Available in Purple.
<u>Tulip Tree</u>	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	60-90ø	30-50ø	Pyramidal	F		Beautiful tree. Tallest native tree east of the Mississippi river. Nice tulip shaped flowers in spring. Narrow, tall, strong central leader. Not always available.
<u>Pecan</u>	<i>Pecan illinoensis</i>	60-80ø	40-50ø	Oval	M		Long lived, probably won't produce pecans due to lack of pollination due to rarity of the tree. Not always available.
<u>'Chicago Blues' Black locust</u>	<i>Robinia psuedoacacia</i>	30-50ø	25-40ø	Vase	F		Very adaptable to poor soil, salt tolerant, nice white flowers and small blue-ish leaves.

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Medium Trees :

Common Name	Botanical Name	Height	Spread	Form	Rate	Sun	Comments
<u>Hophornbeam, American</u>	<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	25-40ø	15-20ø	Round	S		Full sun to part shade; moist, well drained soil, native under story tree; interesting ornamental fruit
<u>Mongolian linden</u>	<i>Tilia mongolica</i>	30-40ø	30ø	Pyramidal	M		Full sun, interesting serrated leaves. Nice fall color.
<u>Black Tupelo</u>	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	35ø	25ø	Pyramidal	S		Nice shiny green leaves that have beautiful fall color. Not always available.
<u>Kentucky Yellowwood</u>	<i>Cladastris kentuckea</i>	30-50ø	40-50ø	Broad oval	M		Full sun; tolerates alkaline soil; fragrant flowers, smooth beech-like bark. Not frequently available.
<u>Horsechestnut</u>	<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	40ø	40ø	Round	S		Palmate leaves, pretty flowers in the spring.
<u>Turkish Filbert</u>	<i>Corylus colurna</i>	40-50ø	30-40ø	Broadly Pyramidal	M		Nice leaves, relative of hazelnut. Very handsome tree. Not always available
<u>Sassafras</u>	<i>Sassafras albidum</i>	40-50ø	20-35ø	Pyramidal	S		3 different types of leaves on one tree. Roots are historically used to make root beer. Not always available
<u>Black Alder, European</u>	<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	40-50ø	25ø	Pyramidal	F		Interesting catkins (like a pine cone) that provide ornamental appeal in winter months. Leaves tremble in breeze. Tolerant of poor soil and poorly drained areas.

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Small Trees : <u>ONLY</u> for planting under power lines or in locations requiring small trees							
Common Name	Botanical Name	Height	Spread	Form	Rate	Sun	Comments
<u>Beech, Blue</u>	<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	20-30ø	20-30ø	Pyramidal	S/M		Full sun to light shade; slow grower with yellow, orange and/or red fall colors; smooth bluish-gray bark, from which its common name is derived from.
<u>Crabapple</u>	<i>Malus spp.</i>	15-20ø	20-25ø	Spreading	M		Full sun; pink buds open to white; small yellow to amber fruits, eaten by birds, slight scab
<u>Lilac, Japanese Tree</u>	<i>Syringa reticulata</i>	20-25ø	20-25ø	Oval to Round	M		Full sun – light shade; well drained soil; large creamy white flowers in Mid June. Fragrant.
Lilac, Peking	<i>Syringa pekinensis</i>	15-20ø	15ø	Upright	M		Similar to Japanese lilac, beautiful bark.
<u>Amur Maackia</u>	<i>Maackia amurensis</i>	15-20ø	15-20ø	Rounded to Broad Vase	S		Full sun; well drained soil; Showy flowers, not messy. Very hardy and disease free.
<u>Dogwood</u>	<i>Cornus mas</i>	15ø	15-20ø	Rounded	M		Nice yellow flowers. Needs to be watered.
<u>Maple, Hedge</u>	<i>Acer campestre</i>	25-35ø	20-30ø	Rounded	S		Sun; considered slow growing but can be pushed with proper care; has a very dense crown and dark leaves; native to Europe.



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Parkway Tree Planting Program

2013-14

If interested in planting a parkway tree, please submit an application without payment as soon as you are able.

The 2013 program was sponsoring a cost-share Parkway Tree Planting Program where residents paid a price of only about a third of the total cost (\$330). This resulted in a cost of \$100 per tree. **The cost of your tree is currently unknown, as it will be dependent on the current program structure when opened.**

To participate in this program, please submit this completed form to the **Village Hall, 9446 Raymond Avenue**. Please See our Village website and select the public works tab and then forestry to learn more about possible tree selections. Don't see a species your interested in? Give us a call and inquire! Village staff must approve the final selection of trees. *(Any parkway tree plantings outside of this program must be approved by the Village Forester in advance of install.)*

Trees can be planted in the parkway only, between the curb and the sidewalk. Please follow spacing guidelines, in most cases, one tree per residence is recommended. Village staff will advise on appropriate planting locations in the parkway. Tree size is 2 to 2.5" in diameter. **Trees are not guaranteed. Tree replacement will be at the discretion of the Village Forester.**

For more information, please contact the Village Forester at (708) 499-7098 or mbasile@oaklawn-il.gov or visit our website, www.oaklawn-il.gov.

Your Name:	_____		
Address:	_____		
E-mail Address:	_____	Phone:	() _____
(For potential correspondence for tree planting only.)			
First Choice:	_____		Total # Trees Requested:
Second Choice:	_____		Total Enclosed: \$ NONE
Comments:	_____		

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Date sent	Date Received	WO:	ADDRESS:	AREA: