

Planting Trees in the City

Donate, Adopt or Plant



Trees provide shade on a hot day and help to beautify our city and parks year-round.

Benefits of Trees

Provide shade

Softens harsh urban landscapes

Reduces air and noise pollution

Conserves water

Reduces soil erosion

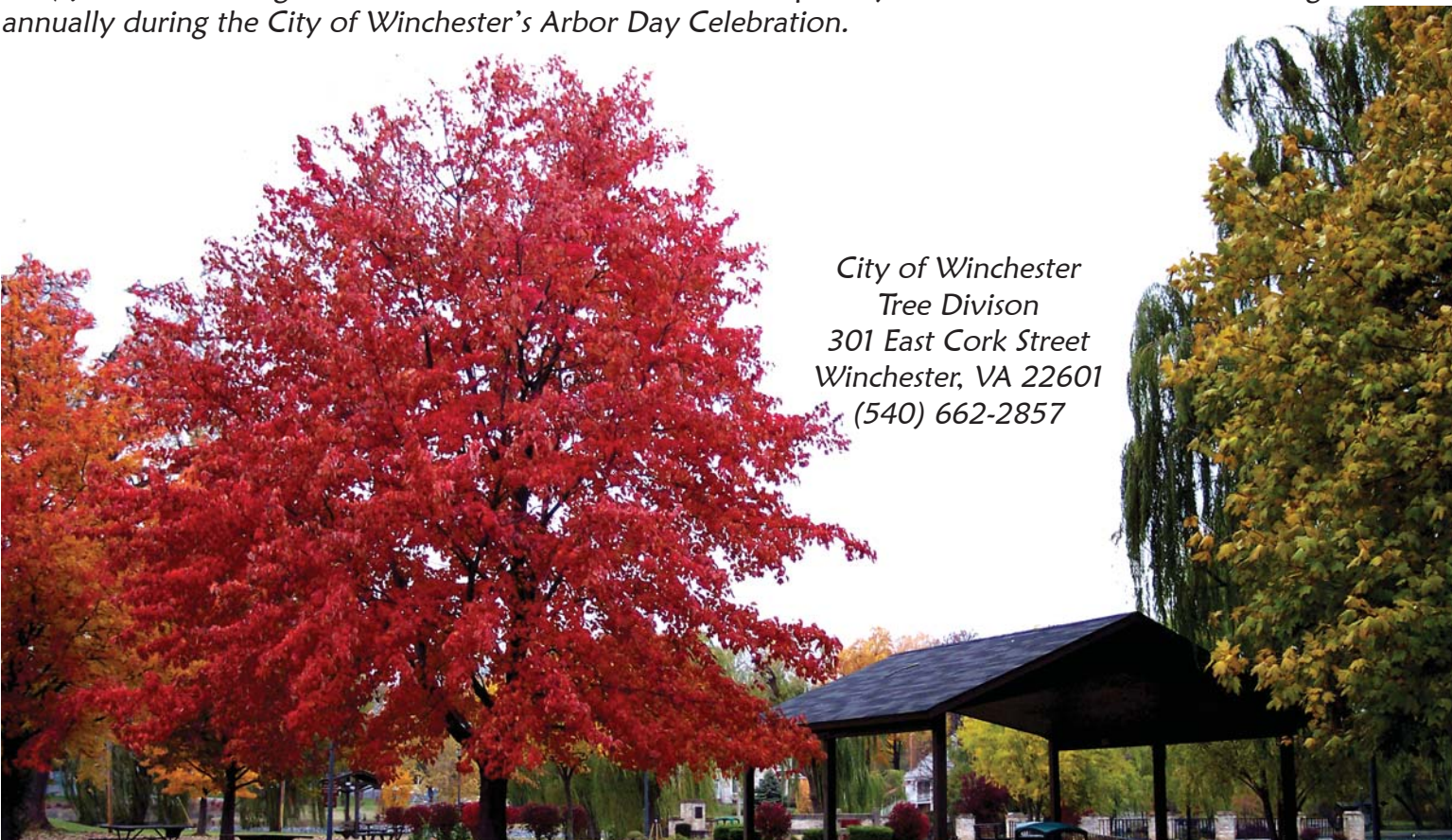
Creates wildlife and plant diversity



Adopt-A-Tree Program

Provide a growing gift of love to celebrate an anniversary, a birthday, and the birth of a new family member or the memory of a loved one by adopting a tree in the City of Winchester.

Contributions towards trees are tax-deductible and are administered by the Winchester Parks Foundation, a 501(c)3 charitable organization that benefits the Winchester park system. Contributors will be recognized annually during the City of Winchester's Arbor Day Celebration.



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General Considerations for Tree Selection



- Consider tree function
 - Shade, screening, aesthetics or erosion control/prevention
 - Look for trees with nice year-round characteristics, such as bark, crown shape and branching habit
- Consider tree shape
 - How fast will it grow?
 - How tall will it grow?
 - How far will the branches spread?
- Consider tree character
 - Does the tree have a dense canopy (more summer shade) or a sparse canopy (less summer shade)?
- Consider tree maintenance
 - Is it easy to care for?
 - Does the tree produce messy fruit?
- Consider planting site factors
 - Hardiness zone, space restrictions (above and below ground), soil pH, moisture, density and amount of sunlight
- Select trees suitable for urban environments that tolerate poor soils, heat and pollutants
- Avoid planting trees that are overly common and those with poor growth habits, such as callery pear, silver maple and weeping willow
- Develop a list of tree species that will perform well at the proposed planting site
- Each tree species has advantages and disadvantages
- Strive for diversity

Approved Tree Species

For a complete listing of approved trees, please visit www.WinchesterVA.gov/public-works/trees



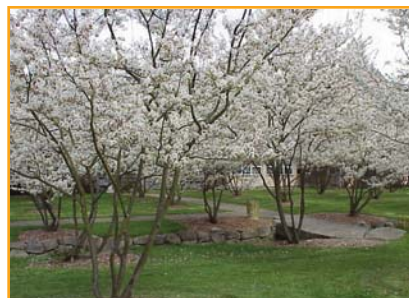
Red Maple



Sugar Maple



Japanese Cherry



Serviceberry



Redbud

Successful Planting Tips

- 1) Dig planting hole at least twice the width of the roots to allow for optimum root growth and expansion.
- 2) Do not plant the tree too deeply. The upper roots should be just under the surface of the soil.
- 3) Do not plant the tree too shallow. The roots should be just under the soil line.
- 4) Remove all materials from root ball, including burlap, rope, wire baskets, etc.
- 5) Remove trunk wrap - its only purpose is to protect the tree during shipping/planting
- 6) Water thoroughly - provide enough to soak entire root ball.
- 7) Provide a layer of mulch 2"-3" deep in an 18" diameter circle around the trunk. Mulch should not be in contact with the trunk.

Small

Less than 30' at mature height and less than 35' in mature width

Ideal for:

- tree lawns greater than 2' wide
- cutouts at least 4' wide by 4' deep
- under utility lines

Approved species list:

- Crabapple
- Eastern Redbud
- Hawthorn
- Kousa Dogwood
- Serviceberry
- Tree Lilac

Medium

Between 30'-50' at mature height and less than 45' in mature width

Ideal for:

- plantings at least 25' from buildings and utility lines
- tree lawns greater than 4' wide

Approved species list:

- American Holly
- American Hophornbeam
- American Hornbeam
- Amur Corktree
- Hedge Maple
- Goldenrain Tree
- Oriental Cherry
- Sourwood
- Southern Magnolia

Large

Greater than 50' at mature height and up to 90' in mature width

Ideal for:

- parks
- open lawns
- greenspaces
- tree lawns 8' wide or greater
- sites with no utility lines

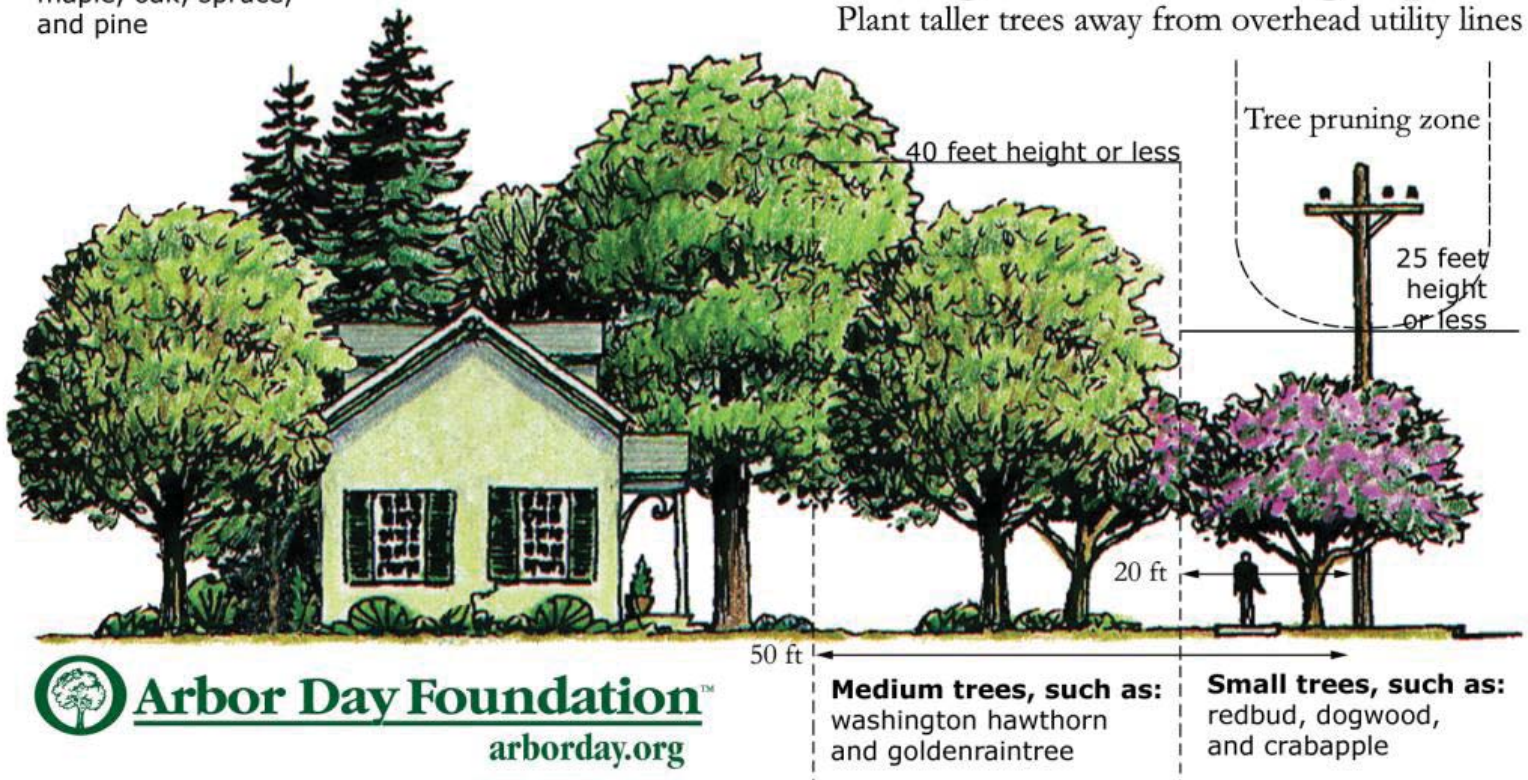
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- Baldcypress
- Black Gum
- Honeylocust
- Ginko
- Japanese Zelkova
- Katsuratree
- Linden
- London Planetree
- Oak
- Spruce
- Maple

Tall trees, such as:
maple, oak, spruce,
and pine

Plant the right tree in the right place

Plant taller trees away from overhead utility lines



Medium trees, such as:
washington hawthorn
and goldenraintree

Small trees, such as:
redbud, dogwood,
and crabapple

Utility line-compatible tree species:

Oriental Cherry
Crabapple
Eastern Redbud

Japanese Snowbell
Kousa Dogwood
Amur Maple

Serviceberry
Silverbell
Tatarian Maple

Hawthorn
Tree Lilac