



City of Sierra Madre Public Works Department

Adopt-A-Tree Program Guidelines and Application

The Sierra Madre Department of Public Works welcomes the donation of funds and efforts to maintain the Community's Urban Forest. Adopt-A-Tree applications are available on the City's website and at City Hall, 232 West Sierra Madre Blvd. Tree planting is a major commitment that should be seriously considered by the homeowner. Members of the Sierra Madre Adopt-A-Tree program will be assisted in the planting of a new street tree if the applicant agrees to abide by the following guidelines:

1. Application for tree planting must be made to the Public Works Department.
2. Applicants must show proof of ownership of the subject (adjacent) property.
3. A member of the city's Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Commission and/or Public Works staff will meet with the applicant at the subject address to determine the proper tree species and placement.
4. Only approved street trees shall be planted (see attached list).
5. The planting of trees shall be done by the City's Arborist Contractor.
6. The homeowner agrees to water and maintain the tree so as to increase the tree's chance of survival. It may take over a year of weekly watering (depending on selected species) before a tree is fully established and able to survive without regular watering.
7. For health and safety reasons, new parkway trees must be planted in allocation that is:
 - At least 10 feet from overhead utility lines (this will effect species selection; smaller trees at maturity will be utilized under overhead utilities).
 - At least 15 feet from fire hydrants or street lights.
 - At least 25 feet from street corners or street signs.
 - A minimum of 30 feet from any other tree. This provides for optimum space for the new tree to grow to maturity.
 - A minimum of 5 feet from any driveway.
8. Tree species selection shall be based on available space, availability of nursery stock, and understory conditions.
9. Tree planting size shall be 15 gallon container.
10. Cost will vary based on species selected, applicant shall pay for the tree and planting (at City's cost, no markup) prior to planting.

Date

Applicant Acceptance of Conditions Above

Adopt-a-Tree Program Street Tree Planting Application

Application Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address for Planting Site (if different from above): _____

Contact: (Phone) _____ (email) _____

Tree Species desired:

Tree Species selected: _____

Date of Commissioner/staff meeting with applicant: _____

Applicant Agreement with Conditions of tree adoption as attached: _____

Applicant Recognition Requested: Yes No

- Certificate
- Website listing

Tree planted in honor of: _____

Notes:

Approved Street Tree Planting List*

Common Name	Botanical Name
African Tulip Tree	<i>Spathodea campanulata</i>
Apple Gum	<i>Angosphora costata</i>
Australian Willow	<i>Geijera paviflora</i>
Brisbane Box	<i>Lophostemon confertus</i>
California Sycamore	<i>Patanus recaemosa</i>
Capejut Tree	<i>Meleluca quinquenervia</i>
California Pepper	<i>Schinus molle</i>
Cape Chestnut	<i>Calodendrum capense</i>
Chinese Flame Tree	<i>Koelreuteria bipinnata</i>
Chinese Fringe Tree	<i>Chioanthus retusa</i>
Chinese Tallow Tree	<i>Sapium sebiferum</i>
Coast Live Oak	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>
Cork Oak	<i>Quercus suber</i>
Deodar Cedar	<i>Cedrus deodara</i>
Eastern Redbud	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>
Engleman Oak	<i>Quercus englemannii</i>
Fern Pine	<i>Afrocarpus gracilior</i>
Flaxleaf Paperbark	<i>Meleluca linarifolia</i>
Grecian Laurel	<i>Laurus nobilis</i>
Incense Cedar	<i>Calocedrus decurrens</i>
Lavendar Trumpet tree	<i>Hanroanthus avellandae</i>
London Plane Tree	<i>Platanus x acerifolia</i>
Maidenhair Tree	<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>

Common Name	Botanical Name
Red-Flowering Gum	<i>Corymbia ficifolia</i>
Southern Live Oak	<i>Quercus virginiana</i>
Tipu Tree	<i>Tipiana tipu</i>
Weeping Bottlebrush tree	<i>Callistemon viminalis</i>
Willow Pittosporum	<i>Pittosporum angustifolium</i>
Yellow Trumpet Tree	<i>Tabebuia chrysotricha</i>
Yew Pine	<i>P. macrophyllus "Maki"</i>

Source: Community Forest Management Plan Adopted 3-25-14 City Council Resolution 14-20.

*Species not listed may be considered on an individual basis and based on site-specific characteristics.

Not all trees are suitable for all planting sites; individual sites to be reviewed by city arborist, Natural Resources Commissioner, and/or Public Works Staff for species selection.

