

Nashua's Shade Tree Program Study Committee, established by the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen in 1989, initiated the Nashua Shade Tree Nursery to provide Shade Trees to Nashua homeowners at low cost and free trees to qualifying homeowners in inner-city areas.

Funding comes from the program proceeds and the Shade Tree Replacement Fund, which receives revenues from the city's Timber Tax. The Timber Tax accrues revenue from tree cutting activities within Nashua. With these funds, the Parks Department purchases bare root trees of 1½ inch caliper which are light and easy to plant. The trees have been dipped in a vitamin enhanced rooting gel and then wrapped in either plastic or burlap for immediate transportation.

Applicants must live at the address where the trees will be planted. Commercial establishments and condominium complexes are excluded from this offer.

Inner-city homes in Wards 3 and 4 may be eligible for free trees if the homeowner would not otherwise be able to afford the low price of these trees. If eligible, the Mayor or their Ward Alderman needs to approve this form. These free trees would be planted within the City's right-of-way.

No more than two trees shall be planted at any home. The location must not interfere with overhead or underground wires or sidewalks. The homeowner will specify on this application the desired location(s) for the planting of the tree(s). The Superintendent of Parks, or his/her designee, shall make the decision as to whether the desired location is suitable and meets the requirements of the application. The owner is solely responsible for proper maintenance of the tree(s) once planted.

**In an effort to promote the planting of shade trees in the City of Nashua, to contribute to the community's effort toward beautification, and to reduce the effects of Global Warming, the applicant agrees to cooperate with the City in a joint venture to plant trees as mutually agreed upon under the following conditions:**

- Homeowners will fill out this application, mark the location for the tree planting, and call Dig Safe at 1-800-344-7233 to make sure the location of the tree planting will not impact any underground utilities.
- Payment is due to the Parks Department with this application which must be received no later than October 1st. (The appropriate city official must sign this application to be eligible for free trees).

- The City will deliver the trees for planting by the homeowner on the fourth Friday of the month between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The homeowner is requested to be home to accept the tree and accompanying water bag. Trees will be delivered with complete planting and care instructions.
- Tree(s) will be planted in the front yard within 20 feet from the edge of the street or in a location mutually agreed upon by the owner and the Parks Department. Free trees will be planted in the City's right-of-way. The Parks Department has authority to suggest alternative tree species or locations in the event the applicant's tree selection is not suitable for the desired location.
- Money will be refunded if the:
  - Trees cannot be planted in the applicant's location of choice.
  - Applicant's selection is unavailable and if alternatives are unacceptable to the applicant.
- The owner agrees to undertake customary measures to protect and foster growth by watering, fertilizing and pruning.



## APPLICATION

**Please return this form, along with payment of \$100 per tree, by mail or in person to:**

Nashua Parks Department  
 Greeley Park  
 100 Concord Street  
 Nashua, NH 03064-1729

**Make check payable to CITY OF NASHUA. APPLICATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER FIRST.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City Nashua State NH Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

**You may choose two trees. Some trees may not be suitable for your location. Please carefully study the tree descriptions in this brochure.**

**First choice** of tree(s):

Quantity 1  2  Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Quantity 1  2  Type \_\_\_\_\_

**Second choice** if first is unavailable or location unsuitable:

Quantity 1  2  Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Quantity 1  2  Type \_\_\_\_\_

How near are sidewalks to desired planting location? \_\_\_\_\_

How close are overhead wires to desired location? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe as precisely as possible the desired planting location.

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Drawing of lot with desired tree locations:

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Only 1 signature required) Date \_\_\_\_\_

*I hereby approve the above listed homeowner eligible for free trees*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Ward Alderman

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Ward #



## TREE SELECTION AND DESCRIPTION

**RED OR SWAMP MAPLE (Acer rubrum) Burgundy Belle, 40-50' tall** – Its excellent young habit and stunning fall color make it an easy choice for instant eye appeal. Oval shaped head with deep red fall color, hence the name. Very cold hardy.

**GREEN ASH (Fraxinus Pennsylvania Cultivars) Summit, 50' tall** – An undemanding fast growing native shade tree that is highly adaptable to salt and drought. This makes it a reliable street tree with early yellow fall leaf coloration and refined foliage texture. Its nice corky vertical bark makes it very attractive in the winter.

**THORNLESS HONEY LOCUST CULTIVERS (Gleditsia triacanthos var. inermis) Shademaster, 30' tall** – An excellent shade tree well suited to city conditions. It is graceful with a vase shaped form with horizontal branching and fast growing. The foliage is fine textured and combined with its open habit you can actually grow a lawn underneath. The small delicate foliage practically disintegrates in the fall. Good yellow fall color. Tolerates drought and salt and is thornless and fruitless.

**CRABAPPLE (Malus) Louisa, 15-20' tall** – Weeping shape with dark green foliage and true pink flower. Fruit: yellow, 3/8"

**CRABAPPLE (Malus) Spring Snow, 15-20' tall** – Dense oval shape with medium green foliage and pure white flowers and no fruit.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

**Nashua Parks Department  
100 Concord Street  
Nashua NH 03064-1729**

**(603) 589-3370  
www.gonashua.com**

### PARKS DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Date application filed \_\_\_\_\_

Payment included Not applicable (Free trees)   
Yes  No  (If no, return application)

Tree OK for location?  
#1 Yes  No  #2 Yes  No

Alternative OK? #1 Yes  No  #2 Yes  No

Owner contacted? Yes  No

Person spoken to \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended action \_\_\_\_\_

Site visited prior to planting date?

When \_\_\_\_\_ By whom \_\_\_\_\_

Owner notified of tree delivery date?

When \_\_\_\_\_ By whom \_\_\_\_\_

Comments about planting \_\_\_\_\_

Was Parks Dept notified by owner about any problems?

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Nature \_\_\_\_\_

Did Owner live up to his end of the bargain? Yes  No

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

# NASHUA SHADE TREE PROGRAM

## COST SHARING PROJECT FOR NASHUA HOMEOWNERS



*Presented by the*  
Nashua Conservation Commission  
*and*  
Nashua Parks and Recreation Dept.

