Spring tree sale

Hennepin County is selling trees to property owners to restore and improve woodland areas and increase wildlife habitat.

About the trees available

Bareroot trees ranging in size from 6 inches to 2 feet tall will be sold in bundles of 25. Due to their small size, the trees being sold are best used for restoration and conservation projects.

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See a list of available species, cost, and recommended planting locations on the back side of this flyer.

Order deadline and pickup days

Tree orders must be placed by Friday, April 9.

Trees must be picked up from the Hennepin County Public Works Facility, 1600 Prairie Drive in Medina, on one of the following days. You will select a pickup day when you place your order:

- Thursday, April 29 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Saturday, May 1 from 9 a.m. to noon

To comply with COVID-19 social distancing guidelines, pickup is tentatively drive-up only. More information about pickup guidelines will be sent prior to the pickup day.

Why plant trees?

Trees can create shelterbelts, provide visual screens, and offer shade that increases home energy efficiency. Trees also protect water quality, prevent soil erosion, and improve wildlife habitat.

The tree canopy in Hennepin County faces a number of threats that makes planting trees important. The presence of emerald ash borer means that up to 15% of the tree canopy in Hennepin County could be lost in the coming years. Pressure from other pests and diseases as well as climate change exacerbate the need to plant more trees.

Guidelines

- Orders are accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Availability of tree species will be updated online as much as possible.
- Substitutions may need to be made if a desired species is out of stock. Hennepin County foresters will contact you if substitutions are necessary.
- Payment by check must be submitted with your order form.
- All sales are final.
- Hennepin County cannot guarantee tree survival and does not offer refunds or replacements.

Trees available to order

Tree name	Height at maturity	Exposure	Salt tolerance	Description
Deciduous trees				
American plum	12' to 20' tall 8' to 15' spread	Full sun to partial shade	Intolerant	Shrub or small tree with moderate growth rate. Provides good habitat and food source for wildlife. Tolerates wet to dry soils.
Bur oak	70' to 80' tall 70' to 80' spread	Full sun	Intolerant	Slow to moderate growth rate. Prefers moderately dry soils. Drought tolerant once established.
Cottonwood (seedless)	40' to 60' tall 20' to 35' spread	Full sun	Tolerant	Seedless variety. Fast growing tree. Prefers moist soil but can tolerate dry soil.
Hackberry	30' to 50' tall 30' to 40' spread	Full sun to partial shade	Moderately tolerant	Hardy tree that does well in almost any type of soil.
River birch	40' to 70' tall 30' to 50' spread	Full sun	Moderately tolerant	Attractive bark. Resistant to bronze birch borer. Tolerant of wet, poorly drained soils.
Serviceberry	10' to 20' tall 10' to 15' spread	Partial sun	Moderately tolerant	Flowering tree/shrub with edible fruit. Also known as Juneberry, Saskatoon berry, or Shadblow.
Sugar maple	40' to 60' tall 30' to 40' spread	Full sun to partial shade	Intolerant	Large tree. The best maple to tap for syrup production.
Conifer trees				
Balsam fir	40' to 60' tall 20' to 25' spread	Full sun	Moderately tolerant	Native to blufflands and Anoka Sand Plain. Slow growing. Requires moist to wet soils.
Black Hills spruce	30' to 50' tall 20' to 40' spread	Full sun	Moderately tolerant	Not native to Minnesota. Cold adapted and resistant to winter injury. Moderately heat and drought tolerant.
Red pine	50' to 70' tall 35' to 55' spread	Full sun to partial shade	Intolerant	Minnesota's state tree. Tolerates moist to dry soils.
White spruce	40' to 60' tall 20' to 40' spread	Full sun to partial shade	Intolerant	Native to blufflands and Anoka Sand Plain. Prefers moist soils.

Tree planting and care resources

- Resources for planting trees and seedlings from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources **dnr.state.mn.us/treecare/residential_plant.html**
- Guide to choosing the right tree or shrub for the right area from Minnesota Department of Natural Resources **dnr.state.mn.us/treecare/righttree-shrub.html**
- Minnesota Tree Planting Handbook **morrisonswcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/MN-Tree-Planting-Handbook.pdf**

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