



THE CORPORATION OF THE  
**City of Windsor**  
Parks Department



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**TO THE HOMEOWNER OR TENANT:**

**Subject: Tree Planting on City Right-of-Way**

The City of Windsor's Forestry Division is about to begin planting trees in your neighborhood over the next month or so. Our tree planting program consists of planting a variety of trees along the Right of Way; that is the portion of City owned land in front of your house and along the road side. Our program focuses on planting a variety of trees throughout the City in an effort to enhance the City's Urban Forest. Planting a variety of trees enhances biodiversity and minimizes canopy loss with respect to pests and disease outbreaks. While we do not offer residents a choice of which trees to be planted, our planting list is suitable, robust and appropriate for tough street tree conditions here in the City.

Although the tree will be planted in front of your residence, the tree will be planted on City property. Therefore these trees will be City owned and maintained by the City during the course of its life. Also, please note that only one tree will be planted for properties that have shared lawns with neighbors.

We also ask for your co-operation and assistance during the trees Establishment Phase. Typically, trees require 3 to 5 years of tending or maintenance before they become fully established. You can help this tree survive and flourish by ensuring that the tree has 4 to 6 inches of mulch over its root zone during this period. Mulch helps the soil retain its moisture, which is critical for the development of roots. Mulch also keeps the lawn mower and weed trimmer away from striking the bark. Striking the bark repeatedly with these machines can injure and kill the tree.

You will also notice that each planted tree will be given a TreeGator watering bag. Our tree watering contractor will be responsible for filling the bags with water throughout the summer months. These bags slowly release water to the tree's roots over a period of 5 to 9 hours, ensuring that 'all' the water gets right down to the roots. If you would like to assist with this, you can help this tree flourish by filling the bag with water once per week. If the contractor comes and fills the bag again only a day or two after your watering efforts, not to worry, the tree will benefit from two waterings in one week! After the second growing season, the tree will no longer require the watering bag and City staff will return to remove the bag from the tree.

We thank you in advance for your co-operation and assistance with the maintenance of these trees. Your efforts will lead to the protection and enhancement of the City's Urban Forest.

I also hope that this tree will offer you and your family many environmental benefits for years to come such as an increase in shade to your home, beauty and to a higher quality of life.

If you have any further questions about this tree planting, you can contact the City of Windsor Call Centre by dialing 311. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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