

BOROUGH OF STRASBURG STREET TREE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

In order to foster aesthetic and environmental goals for the community, the Borough will provide a limited number of street trees free to Borough property owners. These trees must, when mature, function as street trees that provide shade to the street and sidewalk that front the home. Funding for the trees is provided through public and private support. Listed below are the requirements to qualify for this program.

1. Any property that has a frontage width of fifty (50) feet or less will be restricted to one (1) tree. Properties with frontages greater than fifty (50) feet may receive a maximum of two (2) trees per property.
2. Most trees should be spaced a minimum of forty (40) feet apart. The Borough staff and/or supervised volunteers will plant the tree(s) in the designated tree openings only during the spring or fall of the year. The planting schedule will be determined by the Borough Shade Tree Committee.
- 3a. Any area where a tree will be planted within a sidewalk planting pocket must leave a minimum of four (4) feet of sidewalk width to the rear. The opening for the tree planting pocket must be a minimum of two (2) feet wide by four (4) feet long.
- b. Within the Borough's Historic District, appropriate trees must be planted within six (6) feet of the back edge of the sidewalk or right-of-way, or in a planting pocket per Section 3a above.
- c. On streets not within the Borough's Historic District, committee approved trees may be planted within fifteen (15) feet of the back of the sidewalk or right-of-way, or half the distance between the sidewalk and the house, whichever is less.
4. The property owner assumes responsibility for the tree and its maintenance after the tree is planted. The types of trees available through the program have been carefully selected to be compatible with growth in restricted areas. Any impact the tree may have in the future on curbs and sidewalks is the responsibility of the property owner.
5. The types of trees currently provided in the program are included in the "Strasburg Borough Recommended Street Tree List," which is available in the Borough Office or on the Borough's website, www.strasburgboro.org. The distance from the sidewalk and the presence of overhead utility wires must be considered when selecting the type of tree to be planted. If you are not sure what type of tree would best suit your planting situation, please contact the Borough Office at 717-687-7732.
6. The trees will be available on a first come, first served basis. If the supply of trees is depleted during one particular year, the Borough will attempt to obtain trees the following year. The continuance of the program depends upon the availability of donations, grants, and other funding. It is the intent and desire of the Borough to maintain the program.

7. Property owners may purchase and plant street trees on their own, but are encouraged to follow guidelines of the Strasburg Street Tree Program.
8. If you desire to participate in this program, please fill out the attached Tree Request Form and return it to the Strasburg Borough Office, 145 Precision Avenue, Strasburg, PA 17579. If you have further questions, please contact the Borough Office at 717-687-7732.