



## Tuf to Trees Tree Request Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address, State and Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

The Turf to Trees program was created to help alleviate the damaging effects of stormwater runoff by increasing tree coverage throughout the County. Trees help to abate stormwater runoff by:

- Reducing water through absorption
- Slowing precipitation through canopy coverage
- Binding soil to prevent erosion
- Reducing water through evaporation and transpiration

The program provides trees and planting services to Howard County property owners with lots of 1.5 to 10 acres in size, free of cost.

To qualify for the program, property owners must commit to receiving and maintaining a minimum of 50 trees. The property owner must care for the trees provided by the County including, but not limited to, watering, shelter maintenance and removal, protecting trees from deer and other pests, as well as invasive species remediation.

The County will assess each property to determine eligibility. A planting plan, including planting boundaries and a tree species list, will be created in collaboration with the property owner. Emphasis will be placed on creating a contiguous planting, in which the trees are grouped together. However, non-contiguous plantings will be considered to address specific environmental concerns. Perimeter planting (one row of trees around a property) will not be accepted.

Once your property has been assessed and approved by a Natural Resources Professional, please fill out and send your Tree Request Form via one of the following options (please note that your order cannot be placed without the Right of Entry and Application Forms as well):

- Scan and email document to [trees@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:trees@howardcountymd.gov)
- Fax to 410-313-1631
- Mail to

Attn: Megan Handshu Mills  
Howard County Recreation & Parks  
7120 Oakland Mills Road  
Columbia, MD 21046

## Tree to Trees Tree Species List

Enter quantity of each tree species you would like to order. Availability is not guaranteed.

### Sunlight Tolerance:

F- Full Sun P- Partial Shade S- Shade

### Soil Moisture Tolerance:

D- Dry M- Moist W- Wet

### Species:

- \_\_\_\_ Red Maple, *Acer rubrum* (F/P/M/W)
- \_\_\_\_ Sugar Maple, *Acer saccharum* (F/P/S/M)
- \_\_\_\_ River Birch, *Betula nigra* (F/P/M/W)
- \_\_\_\_ Multi-stem River Birch, *Betula nigra* (F/P/M/W)
- \_\_\_\_ American Hornbeam, *Carpinus caroliniana* (P/S/M)
- \_\_\_\_ Eastern Redbud, *Cercis Canadensis* (P/S/D/M)
- \_\_\_\_ Flowering Dogwood, *Cornus florida* (P/D/M)
- \_\_\_\_ American Beech, *Fagus grandifolia* (F/P/M)
- \_\_\_\_ American Holly, *Ilex opaca* spp (F/P/S/M)
- \_\_\_\_ Black Walnut, *Juglans nigra* (F/M; emits a hormone that may kill other plant species if planted in close proximity)
- \_\_\_\_ Eastern Red Cedar, *Juniperus virginiana* (F/D/M)
- \_\_\_\_ Tulip Poplar, *Liriodendron tulipifera* (F/P/M)
- \_\_\_\_ Sweetbay Magnolia, *Magnolia virginiana* (F/P/S/M/W)
- \_\_\_\_ Black Gum, *Nyssa sylvatica* (F/P/D/M/W)
- \_\_\_\_ Pitch Pine, *Pinus rigida* (F/D)
- \_\_\_\_ Eastern White Pine, *Pinus strobus* (F/D/M)
- \_\_\_\_ Sycamore, *Platanus occidentalis* (F/P/M/W)
- \_\_\_\_ White Oak, *Quercus alba* (F/P/D/M)
- \_\_\_\_ Swamp White Oak, *Quercus bicolor* (F/P/W)
- \_\_\_\_ Willow oak, *Quercus phellos* ((F/P/M/W)
- \_\_\_\_ Chestnut Oak, *Quercus prinus* (F/P/S/D)
- \_\_\_\_ Northern Red Oak, *Quercus rubra* (F/P/D/M)

Tree sizes will vary by species and upon availability, but we strive to obtain trees of 1 inch caliper, around five to eight feet in height.  
For more information on these and other native species, visit [www.nps.gov/plants/pubs/chesapeake/](http://www.nps.gov/plants/pubs/chesapeake/).

## Tree Locating Instructions

Within two weeks of planting, Howard County will deliver markers (such as flags or stakes) to your property. These markers can be labeled with the species of trees in your order for you to place in the ground exactly where you would like each tree to be placed. Alternately, they can be left blank and used to mark the boundaries of your planting. Miss Utilities will be called to mark utilities on your property and will use these flags as reference. If a flag or planting area coincides with an underground utility that area will not be planted and trees will be moved to the closest safe spot.

### Guidelines for placing your trees/markers:

- Trees should be planted according to their size at maturity, not their size at the time of planting.
- For successful growth, trees must be planted in an area with adequate sunlight and moisture needs for that species.
- Place trees no closer than 12 feet apart.
- Trees should not be closer than 10-15 feet from your house or driveway.
- Trees cannot be planted within 10 feet of a sewer or water line. (Look for public manhole covers or in your yard/driveway there will be a smaller cover that shows the path of your private hookup. Generally this leads in a straight line from the sewer, to your individual hookup and then to your house.)
- Trees may not be planted in utility right-of-ways such as, but not limited to, water, sewer, natural gas, or oil pipelines. (Miss Utility will be called to check for these.)
- Trees over 25 feet tall may not be planted within 20 feet of an overhead utility line, trees over 40 feet tall cannot be planted within 45 feet of an overhead utility line.
- Please be careful that trees are not placed in an area with a private underground utility, such as an invisible dog fence, as Miss Utility cannot identify such private utilities. (Howard County is not responsible if a private utility is hit.)

If the planting location conflicts with an underground utility as marked by Miss Utility, please move your marker to the closest safe location, at least 18 inches from the marked line. If our contractors do not deem an area safe due to proximity to a marked underground utility or otherwise they will plant as close as possible to the existing marker.

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