

Free Trees for All Portlanders!

PP&R is Hosting its 8th Annual Yard Tree Giveaway

Portland Parks & Recreation's (PP&R) Urban Forestry division is giving away 3,000 trees this fall for Portlanders to plant on their private property. This is a dramatic increase from the 2,000 trees distributed annually over the past two years, and is made possible by funding from the Portland Clean Energy Fund (PCEF).

Over the course of the Yard Tree Giveaway program, Urban Forestry staff have distributed over 8,800 free yard trees to Portlanders. Registration and more information are available at Portland.gov/free-yard-trees or (503) 823-4963.

"Distributing free trees for planting on private property is an important and effective way to help grow Portland's tree canopy," says Portland City Forester Jenn Cairo. "We know that the tree cover in Portland has been in decline in recent years, and these tree giveaway events are a key part in reversing that trend and making our city more green."

When registering, choose which pick-up event you will attend to receive your free tree. Along with trees, you'll get watering buckets, mulch, and instructions for how to properly plant and care for your tree(s). 2024 Tree Pick-up Events run from 8:30am to 1pm.

While anyone living in Portland is eligible, Urban Forestry is specifically working to get more trees planted in the hottest areas of our city. Nearly all of these "heat islands" are located east of the Willamette River. The Yard Tree Giveaway prioritizes pick-up events in and near neighborhoods with the highest temperatures and fewest trees.



A previous PPR YTG event

Free delivery is available to homes in the Parkrose, Parkrose Heights, Argay, Montavilla, Hazelwood, and Mill Park neighborhoods.

Planting assistance is also available for people who need an accommodation.

Trees help keep Portland green and healthy. They offer shade; lower temperatures in

homes and neighborhoods; provide wildlife habitat, beauty, and cleaner air; and help mitigate the effects of climate change. Urban Forestry regularly plants new trees in areas of town where the canopy is not yet as robust as others. Still, the most recent PP&R study showed Portland's tree coverage has declined in recent years.



Burn Ban Lifted in the City of Portland (Portland Fire & Rescue)

City of Portland Burn Ban Lifted Lift Effective Immediately

The burn ban that was issued in early July in the City of Portland has been lifted by the Fire Marshal effective immediately. Although the burn ban is being lifted, Portland Fire & Rescue would like to remind folks to only burn dried cordwood in a controlled setting by using a fire ring or elevated fire pit with an active hose line stretched to the location of your fire. Keep all flame lengths less than 24" and be certain to be a safe distance away from any structure and significant vegetation.

In addition to the safety concerns with recreational fire pits, PF&R would like you to remain vigilant in your outdoor cooking

activities as well. Residents are reminded to use extreme caution when using an outdoor cooking set up with open flame. When using charcoal briquettes, please properly dispose of the ashes in a covered metal container away from combustibles, and keep the ashes wet for a few days before properly disposing of them. Maintain at least ten feet between outdoor cooking and anything combustible such as siding, fences, shrubbery, etc.

Ensure all cigarettes/cigars are extinguished prior to disposal.

Those living in rural areas are asked to continue to maintain their defensible space by monitoring growth surrounding homes and structures as there is still a wildfire risk posed in our region, and to maintain adequate access for firefighting equipment in the event there is a response need.



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