

# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE TREE PLANTING PROGRAMS

Public Works has a variety of programs available for residents interested in adding trees to public spaces around their buildings and homes.

- ✓ **REPLACE EXISTING TREES**  
You can request a replacement tree if one was removed from an existing well in front of your property, at no expense to you.
- ✓ **BACK OF SIDEWALK PROGRAM**  
If there is no space for a tree well on your sidewalk, you can request a tree be planted on your private property.
- ✓ **REQUEST A NEW TREE PLANTING**  
If there is no tree well at your property and you would like a tree planted, you may be able to have a well installed.
- ✓ **COMMERMORATIVE TREE PROGRAM**  
Have a tree planted to honor a person, significant life event, or other idea. Fee involved. Please contact us for more information.



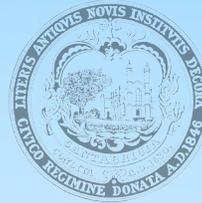
## ✓ **ADOPT-A-TREE PROGRAM**

NEW! Residents can sign up online and help a young tree get established through our Adopt-A-Tree program. To learn more, visit: [www.cambridgema.gov/adoptatree](http://www.cambridgema.gov/adoptatree)

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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More useful information:  
[www.cambridgema.gov/tree](http://www.cambridgema.gov/tree)

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To request a new tree, tree inspection,  
pruning, or other tree related issue:

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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

## WORKING TOGETHER

A healthy urban forest  
needs help from all of us



### TREES HELP US...

Lower sidewalk temperatures in summer, reduce home cooling costs, and improve air quality. Trees contribute to our lives every day.

### ...AND WE CAN HELP TREES

Residents and business owners in Cambridge have the power to help care for street trees. Here's how you can help.



## CITY OF CAMBRIDGE URBAN FORESTRY FACTS

-  The Arbor Day Foundation has recognized Cambridge as a Tree City for the past 25 years
-  There are over 100 tree species and cultivars planted and maintained throughout the City
-  The DPW's Urban Forestry Division maintains 19,000 trees and growing
-  The most common species in the city are Honeylocust, Norway Maple, Red Maple, Pin Oak, and Littleleaf
-  Trees are pruned at least once every 6 years
-  We plant smaller diameter trees because they establish quickly with proper care

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES

**The Committee on Public Planting:**  
The committee typically meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the DPW to discuss tree planting opportunities as well as other tree related issues.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

If you have a newly-planted tree or young tree in front of your home or business, the DPW encourages you to do the following:

### WATER, WATER, WATER

Water your tree between May and November. If your tree has a green gator bag attached to the trunk, fill the bag once a week. If you would like a gator bag, please contact the DPW. Without a gator bag, use a gallon milk jug or equivalent, and water the tree with 15-20 gallons of water at least once per week.

### PROTECT

- 1 Do not curb your dog in a tree well. Dog urine can be harmful to young trees.
- 2 Do not fertilize your young tree. Most fertilizers promote canopy growth instead of tree root growth.
- 3 Do not lock your bikes to trees. A small wound on the trunk could lead to a lifetime of problems for the tree.
- 4 Do not place raised edges around a tree well. They may create a poor environment for the tree to thrive and present a trip hazard.

### WEED

Keep the tree weed-free. Weeds can compete by consuming valuable resources that a young tree needs to become established.

### MULCH

Every spring, mulch the tree well with 2-3 inches of shredded bark or wood chips, keeping mulch away from the trunk.

### BE ALERT

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is a threat to our ash trees. The EAB is an emerald-green metallic beetle, so small that seven of them could fit on the head of a penny! Look for tiny, D-shaped exit holes in the bark of ash trees, die-back in the upper third of the tree canopy, and sprouting of branches just below this dead area. Contact the City Arborist if you find a beetle or have questions.

Gator Bags Help Water Trees



Mulching & Weeding Helps Trees Grow



Emerald Ash Borers Harm Ash Trees



*"Trees can be a stimulus to economic development, attracting new business and tourism. Commercial retail areas are more attractive to shoppers, apartments rent more quickly, tenants stay longer, and space in a wooded setting is more valuable to sell or rent."*

*- The Arbor Day Foundation*