

CITY OF JOHNSTOWN TREE PLANTING REQUEST FORM (2 pages)

I _____ the property owner of _____
(PRINT/Property Owner Name) (PRINT/ Mailing Address including "ST." "AVE.")

request that the City of Johnstown plant tree(s) within the public right-of-way adjacent to my property. I understand the planting of trees may necessitate the City of Johnstown cutting an opening in the sidewalk approximately 30 square feet (at a minimum of 3' wide) to accommodate the tree planting. If a tree pit and/or tree lawn already exists within the right-of-way adjacent to my property, I acknowledge that the City of Johnstown may need to expand the size of these areas to accommodate the specifications for a tree planting.

I hereby acknowledge that I am the owner of the above said property. I hereby request the City of Johnstown to supply and install a tree(s) to be located within the municipal right-of-way adjacent to my property. I understand that there is no charge for this service. I agree to providing water for establishment and during drought periods (see page 2).

I also understand this form does not guarantee that a tree(s) will be placed adjacent to my property. Upon receipt of this request, the City Forester will do a site analysis to determine the suitability of planting a tree at this location.

Please initial all that apply and sign below: * agreement is required to qualify

____ I have read and understand the terms described in "Agreement to Plant a Street Tree" (page 2 of this document) **REQUIRED**

____ I agree to share in the responsibility to care for the requested tree(s). **REQUIRED**

____ I understand my site may require removing concrete, sidewalk or paving materials in order to plant this tree and I give permission to have this done. **REQUIRED**

____ I am willing to volunteer to help plant my tree. **OPTIONAL**

____ I am willing to help care for other trees in my neighborhood. **OPTIONAL**

Property Owner _____
Signature

Planting Address _____
Johnstown, PA Zip _____

Neighborhood _____ Ward _____

Telephone Number (____) _____

Date ____/____/____

The City of Johnstown will select a tree species that is appropriate for the planting site. If you would like to request that a specific species of tree be planted or not be planted, please note that in the line below. However, it is not a guarantee that any request will be honored as each species is selected based on the specific planting site characteristics and nursery availability. By signing this form, you acknowledge that the City of Johnstown will determine what species of tree(s) is planted at your location and agree to accept and care for the tree(s).

Note: _____

Property Owners - Keep this page for your records

Agreement to Plant a Street Tree in Johnstown

By signing the Tree Planting Request Form, you, the property owner, agree that:

- A representative of the City of Johnstown will inspect your location and determine whether it is an appropriate site for a tree(s) to be planted.
- The City shall determine an appropriate tree species for your location.
- If the site requires it, you give permission for a tree pit to be cut in your sidewalk or pavement and/or an existing small planting space to be expanded to 30 square feet.
- You will water the tree (approximately 20 gallons per week— the cost is less than \$1 per year) April through October for two years.
- You will protect your tree from damage by cars, lawn mowers, etc.
- You will notify the City of Johnstown if the tree appears to be sick or damaged.
- If you cancel the tree installation after signing this form and the sidewalk has been cut, you will be responsible for replacing the sidewalk at your expense.

You understand that:

- Your request for a tree may be denied—not all sites are appropriate for tree planting.
- Street trees and trees in the public right-of-way are the property and responsibility of the City of Johnstown. Trees planted outside of the public right-of-way are the responsibility of the property owner.
- Only the City of Johnstown can authorize major pruning or removal of street trees.

The Benefits of Trees

- Increase property values
- Bring beauty and character to neighborhoods
- Save energy, cut heating and air-conditioning costs
- Shade and cool neighborhoods reducing temperatures on the hottest summer days
- Clean pollutants out of the air and water
- Reduce storm water runoff
- Buffer and reduce noise
- Promote community interaction, renewal
- Provide habitat for birds and wildlife

Sincerely,



Dr. Joseph Taranto, Chairman
Johnstown Shade Tree Commission