

# About the Tree Preservation Incentive Program

So you're building your dream home in Woodinville? Did you know that preserving trees while constructing that new single-family detached residential dwelling may qualify you for a Permit Fee Rebate?



This type of construction, whether a single detached dwelling unit or accessory dwelling unit, built on a pre-existing lot may qualify you for a permit fee rebate up to \$350, based upon tree credits preserved one (1) year after completion of construction. Application for the rebate must be made to the Community Development Department no later than 3 years following completion of construction.

To be eligible for the rebate, tree credits are calculated by the City using the Tree Preservation Plan and based upon maturity of trees (measured by the diameter at breast height):

<u>Credits</u>	<u>Rebate</u>
30 tree credits	\$350
25 tree credits	\$300
20 tree credits	\$250
15 tree credits	\$200
10 tree credits	\$200

A property owner may request approval for removal of the preserved trees within the 1 year (denoted above) when it can be demonstrated that new trees will be planted in accordance with replacement regulations (Woodinville Municipal Code 21.16.170) to bring the tree credits equal to the amount of the credit originally received.

# About the Tree Tribute Program

A Tree Tribute Grove is a meaningful, lasting way to remember or commemorate a special person or event. The City will help you develop a planting plan, assist with the planting and coordinate a tribute event at the time of or after the planting.

A marker will be installed at the Tree Tribute Grove location. Maintenance of the grove is the responsibility of the City.

By definition, the grove must consist of at least three (3) trees planted in a natural setting in one of the City's parks or streetscapes.



The first Tree Tribute Grove was planted at Wilmot Gateway Park in 2004.



## How to Request a Tree Tribute Grove

Written requests, including proposed location and proposed species, should be submitted to the City's Tree Official.

# About the Woodinville Tree Board

The Woodinville Tree Board is a 5-member, volunteer advisory board to the City Council. The Board makes policy recommendations regarding tree related issues such as tree preservation, planting and care.

The Board maintains the City's Tree City USA status as well as updates the Community Urban Forestry Plan. This Plan's purpose is to assist the City Council, Tree Board, City staff and citizens to build a self-sustaining community urban forestry plan focusing on tree preservation and protection.

In addition to policy guidance, the Board plans community education events and activities including Arbor Day, held annually in April.

Thanks to the efforts of the Tree Board since its inception in 1995, the following programs and regulations have been created to support the City's mission for proper and lasting tree care and preservation:

- ☞ Heritage Tree Program
- ☞ Tree Tribute Program
- ☞ Community Urban Forestry Plan
- ☞ Tree Retention and Protection Regulations



## Tree Board Vacancies

From time to time vacancies occur on the Tree Board. If you are a resident of the City, a business owner in the City or a resident of its Planning Area and are interested in supporting the City's tree preservation efforts, please contact Community Development Department at 425-489-2757, ext. 2283.

Volunteer Community Service application forms are available at City Hall, Woodinville Community Center or on the City's website at [www.ci.woodinville.wa.us](http://www.ci.woodinville.wa.us); click Opportunities.

# About Tree Removal in Woodinville

Winter storms, landscaping plans and home additions may bring the need for tree removal. Where there is no new development being proposed (i.e. there is no platting activity or construction of a new residence), a property owner may remove trees without first obtaining a permit if:

- ☞ Total removal of trees does not exceed 41 inches in cumulative diameter measured at breast height within a 12-month period. Written notification to the City prior to removal is required.
- ☞ Danger trees. Any tree with a combination of structural defect and/or disease that subjects it to a high probability of failure and is situated as to cause an immediate threat to life or property, as determined by a certified Arborist. Danger trees may include trees with disease, exposed roots or



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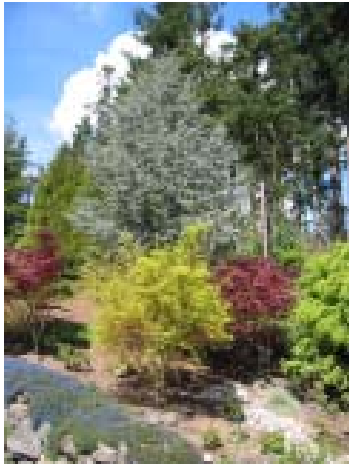
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To learn more about tree preservation and care  
visit the City's website at:  
<http://www.ci.woodinville.wa.us/government/tree-board.asp>

# About Tree Care



Trees make the natural environment more pleasant. Properly placed and cared for, trees increase the value of real estate. Trees decrease glare from pavement, reduce runoff, filter out pollutants, and add oxygen to the air. Street trees also improve the overall appearance and quality of life in a city or neighborhood.

To function well in the landscape, and provide these benefits, trees require maintenance. Watering, proper planting, corrective pruning and mulching will give trees a good start and maintain their health

and beauty. The Tree Board recognizes that the health and beauty of the City's urban forest depends on maintenance of private trees by homeowners, not just maintenance of trees on public property. The following brochures contain technical tree care information to aid homeowners in proper tree care and maintenance:

- ☞ Tree Selection
- ☞ New Tree Planting
- ☞ Pruning Young Trees
- ☞ Pruning Mature Trees
- ☞ Mature Tree Care
- ☞ Avoiding Tree and Utility Conflicts
- ☞ Avoiding Tree Damage during Construction
- ☞ Recognizing Tree Hazards
- ☞ Insects and Diseases

These brochures are from a series published by the International Society of Arboriculture as part of its Consumer Information Program. The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), a non-profit organization supporting tree care research around the world and is dedicated to the care and preservation of shade and ornamental trees.

# About the Heritage Tree Program

Have you seen a unique, unusual, fascinating tree in city limits? Are you curious about or want to preserve the history of a special tree? Think about nominating it for the Heritage Tree Program. This program promotes unique, healthy trees in the City of Woodinville. A "Heritage Tree" has valued, unique characteristics that set the tree(s) apart from other similar trees.

Characteristics may include:

- ☞ Genus
- ☞ Species
- ☞ Form
- ☞ Size
- ☞ Location
- ☞ Historic Significance
- ☞ Other desirable features

A city-approved recognition plaque will be placed at any officially designated heritage tree(s). The tree(s), nominee and property owner will receive special recognition from the City Council.



A Spanish Chestnut Tree (*Castanea sativa*) located on NE 175th Street is one of two City Heritage Trees.

## Nominate a Heritage Tree

Any City resident or City business owner may nominate a tree(s) for "heritage" status. Written nominations are reviewed by the Tree Board and recommendations are forwarded to the City Council.

The property owner where the nominated tree(s) is located must sign a consent statement on the Nominating Form. If accepted, the property owner agrees to allow the tree to be placed on a Heritage Tree map.

Nomination forms are available at City Hall or from the City's website at [www.ci.woodinville.wa.us](http://www.ci.woodinville.wa.us), select City Government, Boards & Commissions.