



City of Sedgwick Tree Planting Cost Share Program Application

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address _____

When is the best time of day to reach you, if needed?

Where do you plan to plant the tree on your property?

Do you know what type of tree you would like to plant?

Are there any special questions or concerns you might have before this tree is planted?

Send to:

**City of Sedgwick
PO Box 131
511 N. Commercial
Sedgwick, Ks 67135**

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Tree Planting Cost-Share Program

Sedgwick's urban forest has been in a state of decline for many years due to the effects of Dutch Elm Disease, natural mortality of older trees, reliance on only a few tree varieties, and environmental impact that man creates in the urban environment.

A key element to reversing this decline is to plant more trees than are being lost ahead of the curve instead of always trying to catch-up. It is essential to plant the right kind of trees in the right location. By planting varieties of long-living trees that are adapted to our area, there is assurance that these trees will be around for the coming generations.

Concerned Sedgwick citizens have recognized that trees are a valuable resource to our community and that our urban forest is declining. To reverse the continuing loss of our urban forest, the City of Sedgwick Tree Board is offering a tree planting cost-share program.

The Tree Board could provide up to \$50 on the cost of purchasing a new tree to be planted by a resident at an approved site. The preferred location is next to a street but the trees may be located elsewhere in the home landscape. The following stipulations will apply to the program:

1. The tree must be a species from the recommended list, **Preferred Tree Species for South Central Kansas** (included within packet).
2. The planting site and tree variety must be pre-approved by the City Tree Board.
3. The tree must have a minimum diameter of 1 ¼ inches, measured 2 foot above ground level.
4. Two trees per residence per year.
5. The Tree Board will provide up to 50% of the cost of the tree, not to exceed \$50 per tree.
6. The tree may be purchased from any participating garden center; however, you are encouraged to ask for a knowledgeable sales person.
7. This program is on a first-come, first served basis, with funding available for only fifteen trees per calendar year.

Be sure to consider the following when making your tree selection:

1. How well the tree will fit into your existing landscape design?
2. Is there adequate above ground space available for the tree canopy?
3. Is there adequate below-ground space available for tree roots?
4. Are there overhead utility lines present on your property?
5. Regarding the soil in your location, what are the ph levels, fertility level, and water-holding/drainage capacity?
6. Is there a specific tree form or shape preferred?
7. What color does the tree exhibit in the leaves, flowers and bark?
8. Does the proposed tree have resistance to diseases and insects?
9. What is the growth rate and life expectancy of the tree?
10. What type of exposure does your site have (windy, excessive heat, shad, etc.)?

If you would like to participate in this program, please contact City Hall at 772-5151.

Your site will be inspected and if you wish, a tree board member will help you determine a tree from the recommended tree list. You then purchase (retaining proof of purchase and amount) and plant the tree. Once the tree is planted, contact the Tree Board and the planting will be inspected for approval and cost sharing.

If you have any questions about this program or need information on trees, contact City Hall at 772-5151