

Greenscape Committee



Free and Discounted Trees for your Home

It seems early to be thinking about fall and spring planting but now is the time to plan for planting trees for the greatest likelihood of success. To ensure any new tree you plant not only survives but flourishes, do some research first on the type of tree, where it will do well, watering needs, and future care and maintenance. There is help online for guidance. A good place to start is the Arbor Foundation at [ArborDay.org](https://www.arborday.org) and their Free Tree Wizard at [ArborDay.org/shopping/trees/treewizard/intro.cfm](https://www.arborday.org/shopping/trees/treewizard/intro.cfm).

Both our county and state, and local businesses, are investing in improving our tree canopy and providing help to homeowners, businesses, schools and community organizations. Here are some options for free trees, free planting and discount coupons.

PLANT FOR THE PLANET

Plant for the Planet, partnering with Stadler Nursery, provides native trees for just \$50 (5 or 7 gallon pots, retail cost \$125 each), by applying \$75 off coupons. FREE PLANTING is available on more than 20 types of trees for GROUPS OF 20 or more. To sign up for this fabulous group discount offer please email Alex Marini at Alex.Marini@tok.md.gov and Stadler Nursery will coordinate delivery and FREE planting for you on the schedule used for town street tree planting.

STADLER NURSERY

Stadler Nursery also offers free planting for any trees that retail for \$200 or more. Coupons up to \$75 (see below) may be applied. [StadlerGardenCenters.com](https://www.stadlergardencenters.com)

TREE MONTGOMERY

Tree Montgomery is a FREE program to plant shade trees across Montgomery County, Maryland. A program of the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection, the goal is to increase our tree canopy throughout the county. The trees are about 10 FEET tall, and to ensure tree survival homeowners, businesses, and nonprofits are guided in selecting the ideal tree species and positioning before planting.

To obtain up to 6 free trees: 1) Sign up for Tree Montgomery; 2) Schedule a site visit; 3) Tour your site with staff; 4) Approve access for planting; 5) Choose trees and schedule planting day; 6) Planting Day

For full details go to Tree Montgomery.

There is a wait list but apply now! [TreeMontgomery.org](https://www.treemontgomery.org)

REFOREST MONTGOMERY

Supported by the Forest Conservation Fund, Reforest Montgomery is dedicated to increasing tree plantings in the county by encouraging you to plant native trees on your property. Reforest Montgomery provides a coupon for a \$50 discount off qualifying trees that sell for \$75 or more. Download the list of qualifying trees and print your coupon here: [MontgomeryPlanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Tree-coupon-4-6-2023.pdf](https://www.montgomeryplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Tree-coupon-4-6-2023.pdf). This coupon may be combined with the \$25 discount coupon from Marylanders Plant Trees for total savings up to \$75 on

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qualifying trees. MontgomeryPlanning.org/planning/environment/forest-conservation-and-trees/reforest-montgomery.

MARYLANDERS PLANT TREES

Marylanders Plant Trees offer residents a coupon for a \$25 discount off the purchase of a native tree from any of the 96 participating nurseries around the state. The program is funded through a settlement from a major power generator for Clean Air Act, and by contributions from tree nurseries. You may combine this coupon with the \$50 discount coupon from the Montgomery County Planning Department. Print your Coupon here: DNR.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/MarylandersPlantTrees/Print-Your-Coupon.aspx.

Find Participating Nurseries here: DNR.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/nurseries.aspx.
DNR.maryland.gov/forests/pages/marylandersplanttrees/introduction.aspx.

BACKYARD BUFFERS

If you live adjacent to Silver Creek, The Backyard Buffers program provides trees and shrubs to homeowners to create streamside buffers. Property owners with a stream or waterway on, or adjacent to, their property can receive a free “buffer in a bag”. Each bag includes 20 to 30 native tree and shrub seedlings, each approximately 1 to 2 feet in height, and well adapted to streamside conditions. Once these trees and shrubs are established, they will provide benefits to both you and the stream. Contact the Montgomery County Coordinator Chris Barger: 301-854-6060 Christopher.Barger@maryland.gov.
DNR.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/programs/Backyard-Buffer-Program.aspx

TREE-MENDOUS MARYLAND

Funded through the Maryland Forest Service the Tree-Mendous Maryland program helps volunteers restore tree cover on public land and community open space including parks and schools. Trees are provided at low prices with assistance to plant and maintain the trees. Funding is available through the Maryland Urban and Community Forestry Committee Grants Program: MUCFC Grants Program:

DNR.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/programs/urban/mucfcgrant.aspx

DNR.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/treemendous/default.aspx

i-TREE

Another wonderful resource is i-Tree, a state of the art software supported by The U.S. Forest Service, Davey Tree Expert Company, The Arbor Day Foundation, Urban and Community Forestry Society, International Society of Arboriculture, and Casey Trees. iTreeTools.org

The Town of Kensington is a TREE CITY USA and continues to improve street and park tree canopy so that all town residents and visitors may benefit from the many environmental, financial and health benefits that trees provide. However, trees on private property account for the vast majority of our tree canopy so every new tree planted in our own yard or garden will play a part in sustaining our liveable community! ArborDay.org/programs/treecityusa

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