

MY GREAT Neighbourhood

TREES IN CITIES CHALLENGE



Take
the
pledge



Join the Tree Challenge!

The City of Victoria values its urban forest and has pledged to plant 5000 trees in 2020 but we can't do it alone. To encourage residents to help out, we've created a special program in the **My Great Neighbourhood Grant** program to assist residents in buying and planting trees on your own property.

We invite you to gather your neighbours together to learn about taking care of trees, buy some and together plant them in your gardens. The grant will fund up to \$1,000 and can be used to purchase

- trees
- staking materials, deer fencing and mulching supplies
- hiring a landscape or arborist professional to lead a workshop on tree education, and
- refreshments for your planting day

Here's the fine print

- Trees must be planted in the City of Victoria on private property
- We're asking for a minimum commitment of 10 trees per application; a site plan for the plantings needs to be included in the application (addresses of where the trees will be planted is acceptable)
- Residents will need a not-for-profit sponsor to accept the funds and pass them along
- You'll need to make your BC One Call before breaking ground. This ensures you won't be planting trees over utility lines. BC One Call number is 1.800.474.6886. Visit www.bconeccall.bc.ca for more information
- Tree species must be identified in the application (no invasive species will be permitted). See the City's recommended trees species lists on our webpage
- We want you to log your new trees planted on the City's tree tracker once planting has occurred and share photos of your planting days with us.

[Trees in Cities Challenge](#) website also has several helpful resources on planting and care practices (bottom of page). A portion of the funds can help host a neighbourhood block celebration once trees are planted and tracked in the City's online tree tracker.

For more information

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