

# MY GREAT Neighbourhood

## TREES IN CITIES CHALLENGE



### \$1,000 Grant for Residential Trees

## Join the Tree Challenge!

The City of Victoria values its urban forest and has pledged to plant 5,000 trees by the end of 2021 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 private property.

We invite you and your neighbours to learn about taking care of trees, buy some and 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



## 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 a BC One Call before you dig, which ensures you won't be planting trees over utility lines - 1.800.474.6886 or visit [bconecall.bc.ca](http://bconecall.bc.ca) for more information
- Tree species must be identified in the application and no invasive species will be permitted - see the City's recommended trees lists:
  - Small Species Selection Guide
  - Medium Species Selection Guide
  - Large Species Selection Guide
  - Fruit Trees
- Log your new trees on the City's tree tracker by emailing [vicmap@victoria.ca](mailto:vicmap@victoria.ca) and share photos with us by emailing [engage@victoria.ca](mailto:engage@victoria.ca) or on social media using [#treesincitieschallenge](https://twitter.com/treesincitieschallenge) and tagging [@cityofvictoria](https://twitter.com/cityofvictoria)

Our Trees in Cities web page also has helpful resources on planting and care practices.

## For more information

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