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## Would you like a free tree?

Urban Forestry plants trees on City street allowances fronting residential properties free of charge.

### Please help us to keep Toronto green!

Please fill out and mail the attached form to:

City of Toronto Urban Forestry 18 Dyas Road, 1st floor Toronto, Ontario M3B 1V5

or
To request a free tree on-line visit:
www.toronto.ca/311

or call 311

#### What trees do for us.

Trees provide many benefits. They:

- reduce cooling and heating costs.
- filter air pollution.
- penerate oxygen, absorb harmful pollutants
- cool streets and provide shade in summer and protect us from winds in the winter.
- increase property values.
- reduce storm water run-off and the cost of water treatment.
- provide habitat for birds and other fauna.
- add living beauty to Toronto's neighbourhoods.

Please encourage others in your neighbourhood to request a free tree and contribute to the greening of your street. et.

# Choosing a tree.

This brochure lists 34 trees from which to choose. They are listed in 4 categories:

- · Native to Southern Ontario (SOn)
- Native to North America (NAm)
- Import from Europe and Asia (EA)
- Hybrid species (H)

Trees that are native to Southern Ontario are trees that have grown here since before European settlement. They are trees that are well adapted to the soil and climate conditions found in this area. They are also native to areas of north-eastern United States with similar conditions.

Trees listed as native to North America are trees found further south in central and north-eastern United States as part of the Carolinian Forest region.

The climate along the north shore of Lake Erie and as far north as Toronto is sufficiently temperate that it is considered just within the northern edge of the Carolinian Forest region. Consequently there are a number of trees, native to North America, principally from the Carolinian Forest region, that can be found in the Toronto area.

As a result of climate change we believe the Toronto area will be increasingly able to support the growth of those tree species that are more typically found further south. These trees will play an important role in our future urban forest. These trees will increase the diversity of our urban forest. A diverse species mix is essential to sustaining a beautiful and healthy urban forest.

It is strongly recommended that you choose a tree native to Southern Ontario if you live near a ravine, wooded area or parkland.

Urban Forestry plants many other species not listed in this brochure. However trees represented here are all medium to large growing shade trees. This reflects the City's efforts to increase the tree canopy over our neighbourhoods in order to achieve the many benefits that the urban forest provides.

### Find out more about your tree.

The trees illustrated in this brochure are identified by their common name and also by their scientific latin name. To find out more about the tree you are interested in, we recommend you search the internet using the latin name. This will provide you with the most direct and complete information about the tree you are considering.

### When will my tree be planted?

Trees are planted either in the spring or fall.

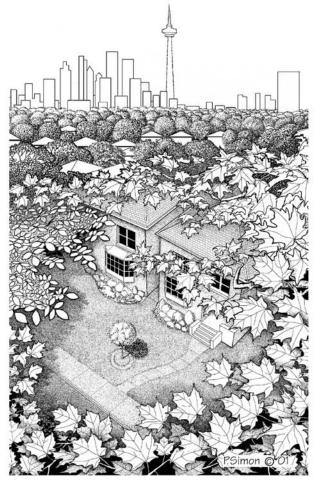
Most trees are best planted in the spring however some can be planted in both spring and fall. Your tree will be planted at the earliest appropriate season.

Scheduling of your tree for planting will be dependant on when your request is received and the availability of the selected species.

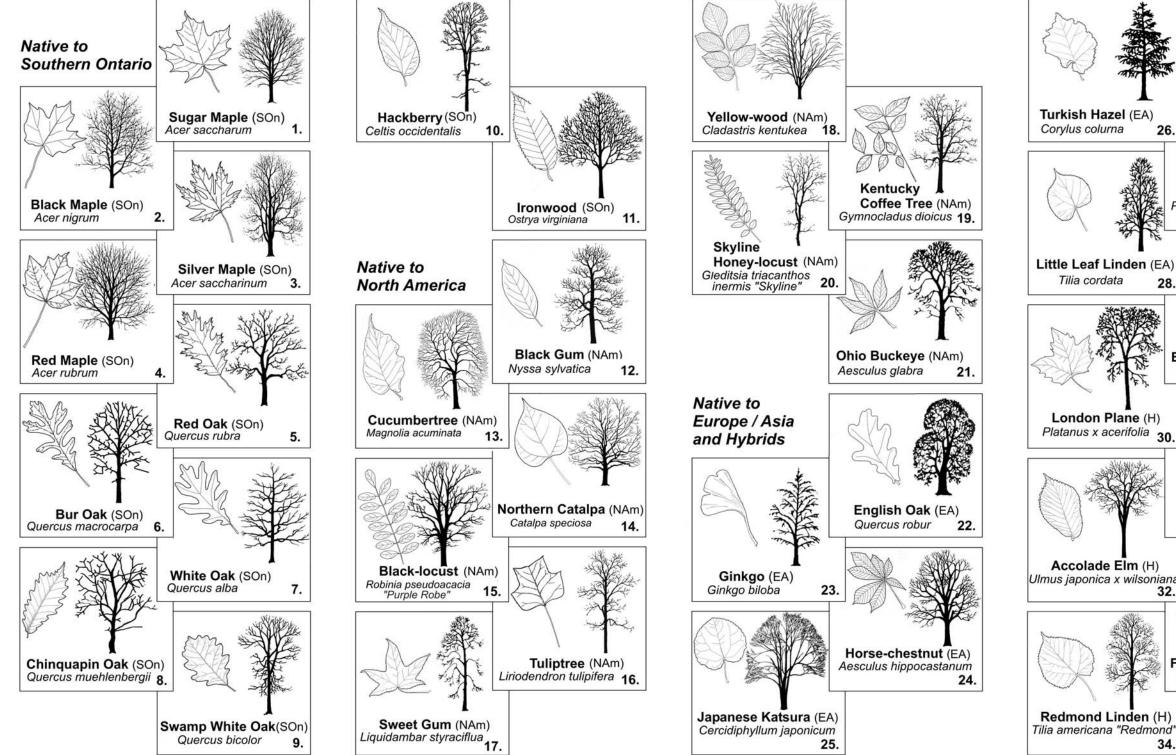
For more information about the Urban Forestry Branch of the City of Toronto visit www.toronto.ca/trees

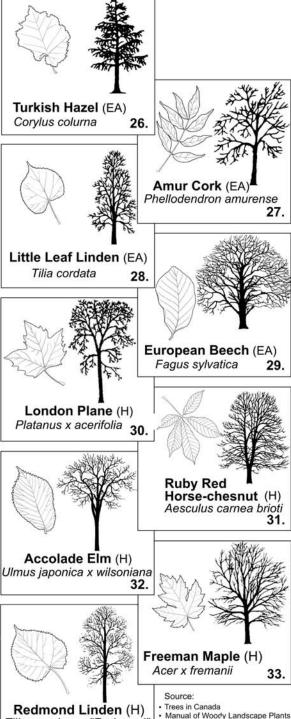
Help keep our Urban Forest growing.

Let us plant a tree.









Native Trees of Canada

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