

City of The Dalles Beautification Committee 2023 Tree Grant Application



City of The Dalles Beautification Committee Mission

The Beautification Committee's mission is to add to the rich cultural history of our place, share the beauty of our community, and instill a sense of pride in our public, private, and communal outdoor spaces.

Program Purpose

The purpose of the Program is to provide grants for City of The Dalles residents to beautify and improve their property with trees.

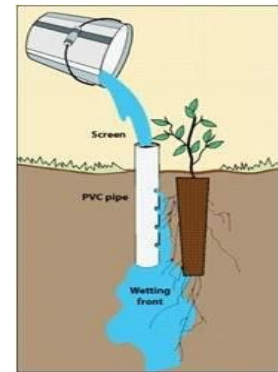
The Beautification Committee recognizes the many benefits that a healthy urban forest provides: trees certainly make our neighborhoods more beautiful but they also increase property value of our homes and enhance economic vitality in business districts. On hot summer days, trees provide essential shade to cool our yards and buildings and save energy. Trees improve soil, air, and water quality and can also improve our quality of life by boosting our mental and physical health and providing homes to wildlife we value.

Grant Process

City of The Dalles Beautification Tree Grants are available to residents within the City limits of The Dalles.

Applicants must complete the Application Form then submit it to the City of The Dalles as directed on the form. Applicants must select their preferred tree species from the approved list as part of the application process. The trees will have an approximate 1" – 1.5" inch diameter and stand 5' – 6' tall. All trees offered in this Program have been selected because they are hardy in this region, they are resistant to pests, and the roots are less likely than other species to cause problems for sidewalks and other infrastructure. Applicants are required to call the Oregon Utility Notification Center by dialing 811 prior to submitting an Application to ensure there are no underground utilities within five (5') feet of where you plan to plant your tree(s).

If irrigation is not available where the tree will be planted, Applicants may also request a **tree gator** (right), a watering bag to help water the tree regularly, and/or a **perforated PVC tube** (far right) to place in ground next to your tree to help water your tree more deeply. (See application form.)



If you plan to plant your tree within the improved right-of-way (parking strip), you must install a commercially produced **root barrier** (right) for the purpose of deflecting the tree's roots downward. Root barriers must be installed according to the manufacturer's instructions. Applicants may also request a root barrier when applying for a tree grant. Please see the Application Form for more information. (See application form.)



Completed Applications must be submitted by **September 1, 2023**.

Completed Applications will be reviewed by the Beautification Committee and may be approved, rejected (due to existing site constraints), or the Beautification Committee may request additional information from the Applicant prior to making a decision on an Application.

If the number of approved Applications exceed the available funds for this Project, Grant Awards will be determined on a first-come, first-served basis from the day and time the Application was submitted to the City. Returning your Application as soon as possible will also make it more likely you will get your first choice of tree variety.

The City anticipates notifying approved Grant Recipients by **September 15, 2023**. Grant recipients may pick up their trees on **Saturday October 14, 2023 at Thompson Park (602 West 2nd Street)** from **10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Wasco County Master Gardeners will be on hand to provide Recipients more information about planting and caring for your tree.

Please email amell@ci.the-dalles.or.us or call (541) 296-5481 ext.4408 for questions about the Application process.

Grant Requirements and Information

All properties and planting sites must be within the city limits of The Dalles.

Applicants must be the property owner. Grants are limited to two(2) trees per property owner per year unless the City determines the number of Applicants and funds available allow for more or less trees per Grant. The City's priority is to award at least one (1) tree to all approved Applicants.

Trees may either be planted in the public right-of-way (e.g., parking strip) or the owner's front yard. If your street does not have a public right-of-way where the tree may be planted, or if you choose not to plant your tree in the public right-of-way, it may be planted in the front yard as long as it is clearly visible from the street. The City will review all planting locations prior to tree issuance.

If you plan to plant your tree within the improved right-of-way (e.g., parking strip), you must install a commercially produced **root barrier** for the purpose of deflecting the tree's roots downward. Root barriers must be installed according to the manufacturer's instructions. Applicants may also request a root barrier when they apply for a Grant. Please see the Application Form for more information.

All Recipients must submit to the Oregon Utility Notification Center an underground utility request at least 48 hours prior to planting any awarded tree. Call the Oregon Utility Notification Center at 1-800-332-2344 or by dialing 8-1-1.

Recipients will be responsible for picking up their tree on Saturday October 14, 2023 at Thompson Park (602 W 2nd St) from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Awarded trees must be planted within five (5) days of the Recipient's receipt. Tree wells must be a minimum of two (2) times the size of the root ball and backfilled with loam topsoil. The City will provide additional planting recommendations when Recipients pick up their trees.

Recipients are responsible for the care and maintenance of their trees, including regular watering and pruning.

Tree Options

All Applicants should review the descriptions of these available trees to select the species best suiting the area where the tree will be planted. Your proposed planting area should be sufficient in size to accommodate the mature tree. Take note of which trees are currently in your neighborhood and consider planting other species, the size of other nearby trees, and the location of any overhead powerlines. You may select a first and second choice in the Application Form.

October Glory® Maple

Acer rubrum 'October Glory'



◆ Height 40' ◆ Spread 35' ◆ Zone 4

Tall, round-headed tree, usually the last to turn color in fall. Popular cultivar with medium green, glossy foliage that turns deep red in the fall.

Exclamation!™ London Planetree

Platanus x acerfolia 'Morton Circle'



◆ Height 60' ◆ Spread 40' ◆ Zone 5

Vigorous growing with a uniform upright pyramidal form and a strong central leader. Green leaves turn yellow in the fall. Develops exfoliating bark that is mottled brown, green, and tan that peels off to reveal patches of cream to white interior bark. Resistant to frost cracking and anthracnose.

Thornless Hawthorn

Crataegus crus-galli inermis



◆ Height 25' ◆ Spread 25' ◆ Zone 4

Rounded and spreading with leathery deep green glossy foliage. It has abundant white flowers in summer and is followed by bright red fruit in autumn. Good food source for birds. This vigorous tree is not only free from rust but is also drought tolerant.

Autumn Blaze® Maple

Acer x freemanii 'Jeffers Red' PP4864



◆ Height 50' ◆ Spread 40' ◆ Zone 3

Broad oval crown. Upright branching habit. Medium green summer foliage and brilliant color in the fall. Retains fall color longer than many cultivars. Tolerant of drought conditions.