



URBAN FORESTRY MEMORIAL TREE PROGRAM

*“Trees are the best monuments that a man can erect to his own memory. They speak his praises without flattery, and they are blessings to children yet unborn.”
Lord Orrery, 1749*

Honor a loved one or special event with a memorial tree

A positive way to expand the community’s involvement in planting trees is through the creation of a Memorial Tree Program. Trees promote healing for grieving families and friends who have suffered a loss and these trees serve as a living tribute to friends both living and passed on. The new trees resulting from this program provide a place of quiet reflection and a sense of comfort to those in need.

The City of Tyler Forestry Division plants the trees at various park locations to honor or remember a loved one. The city provides the trees at a cost of \$300 each and will install water and maintain them. Memorial trees may be planted at special ceremonies arranged by the donor. The City assigns a number for each tree and issues a certificate for the planting. If you are interested in obtaining a memorial tree, contact the Forestry Division at (903) 531-1370.

Why plant a memorial tree?

A memorial tree can be a living remembrance of a loved one or a celebration of a happy event. It provides a sense of belonging and community. The tree groves we are trying to develop will provide a pleasant place of contemplation for our citizens. They improve the quality of life in the City of Tyler, providing a benefit and enjoyment to people who use our parks. In addition, trees are a growing and living symbol of the individuals they represent, a symbol of rebirth.

Memorial trees are a wonderful honor for individuals or organizations. It is a gift that keeps on growing.

Who does the planting?

The City of Tyler Parks and Recreation Department Urban Forestry Division along with volunteers, plants the trees. After planting, the City takes care of watering, pruning and other maintenance.

Why does Tyler have this program?

Tyler's Parks and Recreation Department received several requests from residents and organizations that were interested in memorial opportunities in our City Parks. Memorial trees serve the dual purpose of preserving and planting trees in the City of Tyler and satisfying a community need for a way to honor loved ones in such a positive and beneficial manner. The gift of a tree keeps growing and giving to the community for a lifetime.

When are trees planted?

Trees will be planted during the planting season from October through March or the donor may schedule a planting ceremony to plant the tree themselves. Due to weather considerations and seasonal planting schedules, it is not possible to pinpoint an exact time of year your tree will be planted.

What do I get for \$300?

A memorial tree costs \$300. The cost includes purchase of the tree to be planted and maintenance of the tree after planting. The City's Urban Forester will help individuals select an appropriate species and an appropriate location for the tree. The species selected must be suitable for Tyler's climate and soil to increase the tree's chances of survival. The City will replace trees if they die within 3 years of planting. The purchaser receives a certificate of planting for the tree planted. Due to cost, maintenance, and vandalism we regret we cannot place a plaque on site by the tree. A letter and certificate is sent to the donor indicating that the tree has been planted.

Below is a small sample of recommended trees:

Medium	Large Shade	Ornamental	Evergreen
Red Maple	Shumard Oak	Flowering Dogwood	Southern Magnolia
Chinese Pistache	White Oak	Saucer Magnolia	Live Oak
Lacebark Elm	Black Gum	Japanese Maple	Loblolly Pine
Savannah Holly	Pecan	Eastern Red Bud	Deodar Cedar

For a complete list of recommended trees please visit www.cityoftyler.org

How do I get involved?

Anyone interested in purchasing a memorial tree should contact the City of Tyler Urban Forestry Division at (903) 531-1370. Those interested in supporting the program can attend the City's tree planting ceremonies as they occur. To find out when a ceremony is planned, check out the City's webpage or subscribe to the City's e-newsletter for e-mail updates.



URBAN FORESTRY DIVISION
MEMORIAL TREE APPLICATION

DONOR NAME: _____

DONOR ADDRESS: _____

DONOR TELEPHONE: _____

IN COMMEMORATION OF: _____

DONOR E-MAIL: _____

Please send completed applications with check (\$300.00) to:
City of Tyler
Parks and Recreation Department
2000 West Front Street
Tyler, Texas 75702

Checks payable to: City of Tyler

Questions:
Please call Luke Porter, Urban Forestry
903-531-1370