

READINGTON TOWNSHIP

NEW JERSEY
TREE RECOVERY CAMPAIGN

Open Space Advisory Board
Environmental Commission
In Partnership with the N.J. Div. Parks and Forestry



Announces our Seventh Annual

TREE SEEDLING GIVEAWAY

Saturday, April 24, 2021

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM; “Rain or Shine”
READINGTON TWP MUNICIPAL BLDG
509 Route 523, Whitehouse Station NJ 08889

Seedlings of various native species will be distributed free. Up to five trees per household, with a limit of two per species. Replant trees you lost in recent storms or add trees to your yard! Instructions will be available. Need not be a resident.

The trees are seedlings:

- Bare root and range in size from one to four feet in length,
- Various deciduous and conifer native species, depending on what selections we receive (see attached list),
- Plant promptly, or store in a cool, damp location for a day or so.
- Need to be protected from deer predation,
- Need to be kept watered through the first year or two.
- Bring your own bucket, bag or container to bring your trees home in.

First come, first served. No prior reservations.

Additional Info: Email envchair@readingtontwp-nj.org

List of Trees Ordered:

NOTE: This is a partial and approximate listing. There may be fewer or more species available, or some will be limited supply, or we may already be out of the species that you prefer. Therefore please be flexible and ready to accept from what we have to offer.

Maximum Allowance: 5 trees per family unit; two per species.

___	Arrowwood	<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	___	Sugar maple	<i>Acer saccharum</i>
___	Black gum	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	___	Sweetgum	<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>
___	Black oak	<i>Quercus velutina</i>	___	Sycamore	<i>Platanus occidentalis</i>
___	Chestnut oak	<i>Quercus prinus</i>	___	Tulip poplar	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>
___	Northern red oak	<i>Quercus rubra</i>	___	White flowering dogwood	<i>Cornus florida</i>
___	Red bud	<i>Cercis Canadensis</i>	___	White oak	<i>Quercus alba</i>
___	Red maple	<i>Acer rubrum</i>	___	White pine	<i>Pinus strobus</i>
___	Shellbark hickory	<i>Carya laciniosa</i>	___	Willow oak	<i>Quercus phellos</i>

PLANTING AND CARE INSTRUCTIONS

It is best to plant bare root trees immediately, in order to keep the fragile roots from drying out. If you can't plant because of weather or soil conditions, store the trees in a cool place and keep the roots moist.



1: Unpack tree and soak in water 3 to 6 hours. Do not plant with packing materials attached to roots, and do not allow roots to dry out.



2: Dig a hole, wider than seems necessary, so the roots can spread without crowding. Remove any grass within a three-foot circular area.



3: Plant the tree at the same depth it stood in the nursery,*without crowding the roots. Partially fill the hole, firming the soil around the lower roots. Do not add soil amendments.

*Root flare (first root) at or above grade



4: Shovel in the remaining soil. It should be firmly, but not tightly packed with your heel. Construct a water-holding basin around the tree. Give the tree plenty of water.



5: After the water has soaked in, place a 2-inch deep protective mulch area 3 feet in diameter around the base of the tree (but not touching the trunk).



6: Water the tree generously every week or 10 days during the first year.

7. Seedlings MUST be protected from deer browse! (by netting, fencing)