

Tree Planting Program

Each year The City of Red Wing begins a new tree planting project. Crews begin this process by placing stakes and marking locations for the trees in city boulevards throughout the city. Once the locations are marked, utility companies will be contacted to mark any underground utility lines that may be near the proposed planting site.

The City's Tree Ordinance allows for a wide variety of trees to be planted throughout the City, but has strict guidelines to follow in selecting the planting locations. These guidelines help to protect the life and growth of the tree as well as to prevent potential future problems with pedestrian and vehicle safety.

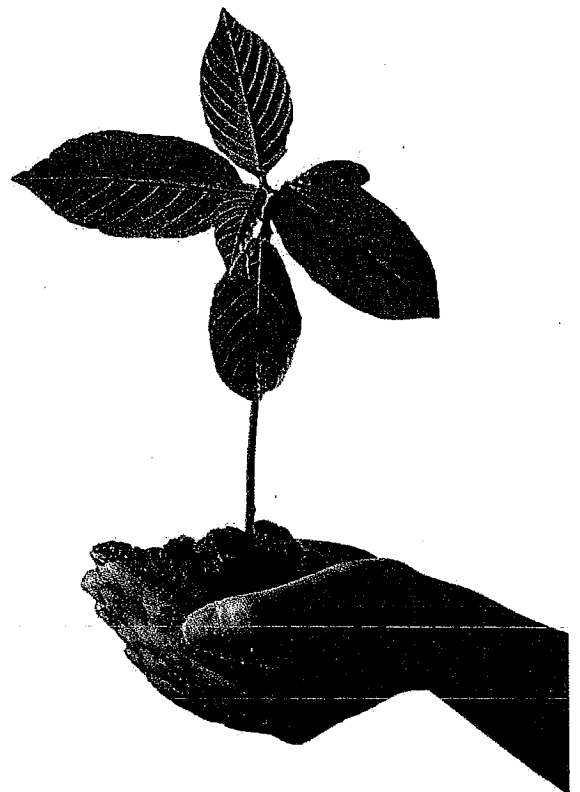
After the tree has been planted, a letter is given to the abutting property owner. This letter identifies the type of tree that has been planted in the boulevard, and what type of care the property owner will need to provide to keep the tree healthy. Property owners are reminded that it is important to water the new tree well until the soil is frozen. Damage prevention to trees is also important: Never use a weed whip trimmer to trim around the tree - nylon cords will cause permanent damage if allowed to come in contact with young trees. Leave the black collar around the base of the tree for at least five (5) years to help protect it from weed whip damage and bumps from the lawn mower. Lawn chemicals should not be applied within a four foot (4') radius of a new tree – chemicals applied within this area could cause damage to or kill a tree through absorption into the tree roots. Also caution children not to damage the tree – even minor damage to the bark area of the tree can cause severe damage.

If you find a stake in your boulevard, and would really rather not have a new boulevard tree, please contact the Public Works Department before the tree is planted to let us know. We will remove the stake and find a new home for this tree.

If you would like a new boulevard tree, contact Public Works and we will add your name and address to the list. You may receive a tree this fall if any are available, or you may receive it next year in the spring or fall. If we are unable to plant a new tree in your boulevard due to restrictions, you will be notified of the reasons.

Property owners may also purchase a tree to plant in the boulevard, but must contact Public Works to receive permission for the exact location.

To contact Public Works, call 651-385-3674 from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Or stop in – our address is 229 Tyler Road North, Red Wing.



Choosing the Right Tree for The Right Place

There are several factors to take into consideration when choosing your tree:

Height:

Are there any power lines overhead? Will the tree grow into anything?

Canopy Spread:

Be sure to know how wide the tree will grow once it's mature.

Form/Shape:

What shape would fit in your landscape? Vase shaped and rounded trees will provide more shade while upright and columnar trees will take up less space.

Growth Rate:

Is the tree fast or slow growing? Slow growing trees usually live longer and have a better survival rate in storms.

Hardiness Zone:

The City of Red Wing is located in zone 4.

Sun, Soil, Moisture:

Some trees are more sensitive to these factors than others. Be sure the tree you choose is compatible with site conditions.

Fruit:

Do you want your tree to bear fruit? Or is fruit a nuisance? The male of most tree species does not fruit and many tree varieties are available that hold their fruit or have no fruit at all.

Deciduous Versus Coniferous:

Deciduous trees lose their leaves during the winter months while Coniferous do not.

More information is available from Minnesota Power and the Arbor Day Foundation:

<http://www.mnpower.com/treebook/>

<http://www.arborday.org/trees/rightTreeAndPlace/>

<http://www.arborday.org/trees/benefits.cfm>



Tree Species Currently Planted by The City of Red Wing Public Works Department*

Native Tall Stature Species:

Red Maple, *Acer Rubrum*

River Birch (single stem), *Betula Nigra*

Hackberry, *Celtis Occidentalis*

Bicolor (swamp white) Oak, *Quercus Bicolor*

Bur Oak, *Quercus Macrocarpa*

American Linden (Basswood), *Tilia Americana*

Tall Stature Species Adapted to but not native to Red Wing:

Freeman maple hybrids, *Acer x Freemanii*

Ginkgo, *Ginkgo Biloba*

Honeylocust, *Gleditsia Triacanthos var. Inermis*

'Redmond' Hybrid Linden, *Tilia Americana*

Elm Hybrids or Disease Resistant Cultivars, *Ulmus*

Short Stature Species Adapted to but not native to Red Wing:

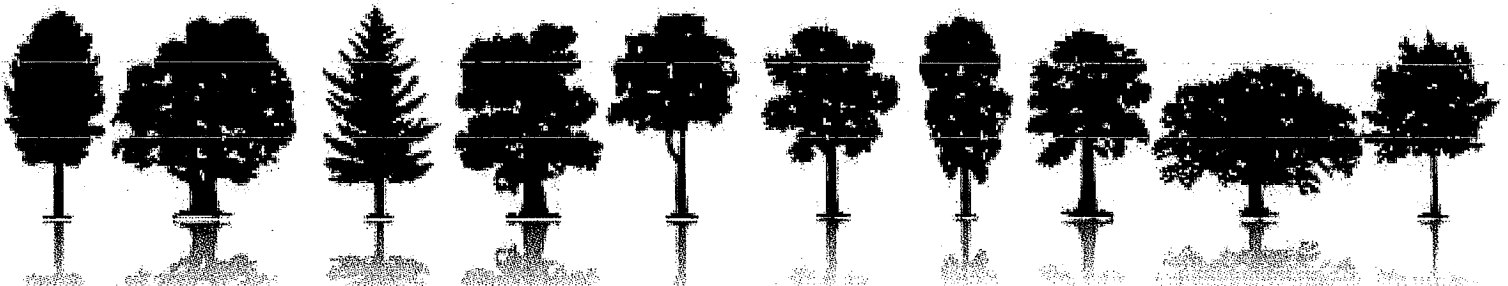
Cockspur Hawthorn, *Crataegus Crusgalli var. Inermis*

Mcrabapple, *Alus Sp.*

Star Magnolia, *Magnolia Stellata*

Japanese Tree Lilac, *Syringa Reticulata*

*The City of Red Wing re-evaluates the species of trees chosen to plant each year depending on availability, funds, and disease susceptibility.



Other Maintenance Activities: Calendar of Field Work

January	February	March
<p>Winter pruning</p> <p>Tree risk inspections</p>	<p>Winter pruning</p> <p>Hazardous tree removal</p>	<p>Winter pruning</p>
April	May	June
<p>Wash salt off trees in grates and on medians while the ground is still frozen</p> <p>Remove sun protectors from tree trunks</p> <p>Stake tree planting locations</p> <p>Do not prune trees</p> <p>Start planting trees when the frost is out of the ground</p>	<p>Plant trees</p> <p>Finish planting bare root trees before their buds break open</p> <p>Water as needed</p> <p>Do not prune trees</p>	<p>Inspect depth of mulch</p> <p>Order mulch as needed</p> <p>Water as needed</p> <p>Inspect for insects and diseases</p> <p>Control weeds</p> <p>Plant B&B and container grown trees</p> <p>Do not prune oak trees</p>
July	August	September
<p>Water as needed</p> <p>Control weeds</p> <p>Inspect for insects & diseases</p> <p>Add mulch as needed</p> <p>Do not prune oak trees until after July 4</p> <p>Clearance prune over streets and sidewalks and near signs</p>	<p>Water as needed</p> <p>Control weeds</p> <p>Inspect for insects and diseases</p> <p>Inspect new trees</p> <p><i>install TRUNK protection to small trees from deer rubs (lath)</i></p>	<p>Water as needed</p> <p>Remove stakes and ties from trees planted before fall of the current year</p>
October	November	December
<p>Water young evergreen trees before the ground freezes</p> <p>Fertilize trees as the leaves fall if there is a documented need</p> <p>Install sun protectors on young trees with thin bark</p>	<p>Inspect rodent guards before the snow flies--be sure that there is no way for mice to crawl in through the bottom</p> <p>Begin winter pruning after trees are bare of leaves</p>	<p>Winter pruning</p>

TREE CITY USA Application for Recertification

Mail completed application with requested attachments to your state forester no later than December 31.
The TREE CITY USA award is in recognition of work completed by the community during the calendar year.
Please provide information for the year ending.
(Some states require information in addition to the requested on this application. Check with your state foresters.)

As Parks & Cemetery Director of the community of Red Wing, Minnesota
(Title - Mayor or other city official)

I herewith make application for this community to be officially recertified as a Tree City USA for 2011, having achieved the standards set forth by The National Arbor Day Foundation as noted below. (year)

Standard 1: A Tree Board or Department

List board members, and meeting dates for the past year; or name of city department and manager.

Public Works Dept. - Rick Moskwa - Director
Public Works Dept. - Bill Rooney - Superintendent

Standard 2: A Community Tree Ordinance

Check One: Our ordinance as last submitted is unchanged and still in effect.
 Our ordinance has been changed. The new version is attached.

Standard 3: A Community Forestry Program with an Annual Budget of at Least \$2 Per Capita

Total community forestry expenditures \$ 79,000
Community populations 16,459

Attach annual work plan outlining the work carried out during the past year. Attach breakdown of community forestry expenditures.

Standard 4: An Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation

Date observance was held Friday, April 29, 2011
Attach program of activities and/or news coverage. Attach Arbor Day proclamation.

Signature Title Date
Parks/Cemetery Director 12-8-11

Please type or print the following:

Mayor or equivalent:

Name: Dennis Egan
Title: Mayor
Address: 315 W. 4th St.
City, State, Zip: Red Wing, MN. 55066
Phone #: 651-388-9841
Email: Dennis.Egan@ci.red-wing.mn.us

City Forestry Contact:

Name: Bill Rooney
Title: Parks & Cemetery Superintendent
Address: 229 Tyler Rd. N.
City, State, Zip: Red Wing, MN. 55066
Phone #: 651-385-3674
Email: bill.rooney@ci.red-wing.mn.us

NOTE: Application will not be processed without Standard 3 and 4 attachments.

Certification

(To Be Completed By The State Forester)

(Community)

The above named community has made formal application to this office. I am pleased to advise you that we reviewed the application and have concluded that, based on the information contained herein, said community is eligible to be recertified as a Tree City USA, for the _____ calendar year, having in my opinion met the four standards of achievement in urban forestry.

Signed _____ State Forester Date _____

Person in State Forester's Office who should receive recognition material:

Name: _____ UPS Address: _____
Title: _____ City, State, Zip: _____
Agency: _____ PH #: _____ Email: _____



Arbor Day Proclamation

WHEREAS, Trees and forests are of significant importance to Red Wing's economy, culture, history and future; and

WHEREAS, Trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, improve safety in neighborhoods, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, Trees can reduce stormwater runoff, protect soil, mitigate the impacts of flooding, cut heating and cooling costs, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

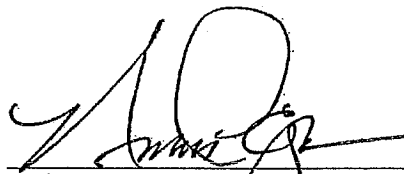
WHEREAS, Trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and renewal; and

WHEREAS, Each year on the last Friday in April the citizens of Red Wing pay special tribute to trees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That I, Dennis Egan, Mayor of the City of Red Wing, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 29, 2011, as Arbor Day in the City of Red Wing, and urge all citizens to celebrate and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

FURTHERMORE, I urge all citizens to plant trees to promote the wellbeing of this and future generations.

GIVEN, under my hand and seal of the City of Red Wing, this 11th day of April, in the year 2011.



Dennis Egan, Mayor
City of Red Wing, Minnesota