



Plant-A-Tree Application

The **Plant-A-Tree Program** is a neighborhood initiative started by Southie Trees and South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation in the Spring of 2013 to get more trees planted in South Boston. The program will provide interested and qualified residents (on a first come first serve basis) with a tree, planting supplies, and the know-how to ensure long-term health and growth (up to a \$200 value!).

The application deadline for Spring 2014 is **April 21, 2014**.

There will be a mandatory training session/planting day on **April 26, 2014** behind the **Laboure Center on D St**. We will be planting two trees to teach the ins and outs of planting and caring for your own tree. After the planting, tree recipients will be able to pick up their trees and supplies just down the street at the SBND office, located at 365 W Broadway.

Southie Trees, now an initiative of **South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation**, is committed to protecting, maintaining, and increasing the tree cover in South Boston. Over the past two years we have worked with Grow Boston Greener to plant 16 trees in public spaces. With the third lowest canopy cover of all Boston's neighborhoods at 9%, South Boston has room to greatly benefit from an increased number of trees. **Benefits of urban trees** include improved air and water quality, reduced noise pollution, health benefits, and higher property values.

Who Can Apply

Any resident living in South Boston can apply to the Plant-A-Tree Program. Residents must be able to plant the tree on their property, in a yard or adjacent green space.

How to Apply

It's easy! Just fill out the one page application and email to southietrees1@gmail.com or

hand deliver to SBNDC at 365 West Broadway by September 30, 2013.

What are Eligible Projects?

Trees must be planted on applicant's property by the applicant. There will be a mandatory training session on Saturday, April 26 where applicants will learn how to plant trees and receive their own tree and planting supplies at no charge through the program.

There are many types of eligible trees that can be planted in South Boston and we encourage you to choose the type that works best for your yard! You can find the list of approved trees here www.cityofboston.gov/parks/streettrees/Tree_species.asp (All trees are subject to availability from the nurseries, but we will work with you to find the perfect tree for you).

What do you Get?

In addition to a tree, Plant-A-Tree will provide you with all the supplies needed for planting a healthy tree which may include compost, fertilizer, gloves, tools, or watering cans.

*If planting tools such as shovels, gloves, cultivators, tarps, etc., cannot be supplied to each recipient, Southie Trees would be more than happy to loan these items to you for your project day.

Timeline

- 4/21/2014- Applications Deadline**
- 4/23/2014- Last day to be notified if you received a tree**
- 4/26/2014- Training Session/Tree Pick Up**
- 4/27/2014- Projects Begin**
- 5/25/2014- Trees Must be Planted by this Date**

For questions about this application or more information about the program please call SBNDC at 617-268-9610 or email southietrees1@gmail.com.

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Date: _____

Applicant Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Cell Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Description of where at the street address the tree will be planted:

Type of Tree Requested (Fruit/Flowering/Shade/Conifer): _____

Other Details: _____

*All trees are subject to availability, but we will try to match you as closely as possible with your requested tree type and/or species suggestion.

By signing the agreement below you commit to attending the mandatory planting session on April 26, 2014, planting the tree in the specified location, and properly watering and caring for the tree for the first 3 years.

Applicant Name (print): _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____