

**“There are over 33,000 street trees in New Haven. It takes community involvement and stewardship to care for these valuable assets. With your help we can make this a healthier and more attractive city.**

**Adopt a tree in your neighborhood today.”**

**Robert Levine  
Director, Department of Parks,  
Recreation & Trees**

Trees of New Haven Program

Name

Street Address/Zip Code

Program (check as many as applicable):

Adopt-A-Tree

Trim-A-Tree

Plant-A-Tree

**Please send to:  
Department of Parks, Recreation & Trees  
720 Edgewood Avenue, New Haven, CT 06515**

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## **Trees New Haven Program**

The City of New Haven offers three new programs to partner with residents to improve the care and appearance of our trees.



**John DeStefano, Jr., Mayor**  
Robert D. Levine, Director

## Adopt A-Tree

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Trees is sponsoring an Adopt-A-Tree Program for the residents of the City of New Haven.

Our beautiful street trees are an asset to our neighborhoods. They provide shade in the summer and act as a barrier for noise. Trees beautify our streets and produce life sustaining oxygen and trap air pollutants. They also decrease noise, increase property values and enhance civic pride.\*

Join your neighbors this year and adopt a street tree in front of or near your house or apartment, or place of work.

You will then receive a packet with a certificate and information about caring for your tree.

To obtain a certificate for adopting your tree we ask that you commit to the following care for your tree:

- ☞ Water the tree at least twice weekly during the spring and summer.
- ☞ Mulch the soil to conserve moisture and improve health.
- ☞ It is a good idea to plant flowers or ground cover around your tree and keep the root area neat and clean.
- ☞ Follow the recommendations included in your Adopt-A-Tree packet.

## Trim-A-Tree

Healthy and attractive trees add to the aesthetic value of your neighborhood and can increase your property value. Applications are available on-line at the City of New Haven Parks Department site ([cityofnewhaven.com/parks](http://cityofnewhaven.com/parks)) or at the Parks Department Maintenance Division Office, 180 Park Road, Hamden, CT 06517 for tree pruning and shaping.

Residents are welcome to provide tree pruning services for city trees within the following guidelines:

- ☞ Application for permission to have a private company prune city trees must be made two weeks in advance of the time this work is anticipated.
- ☞ Pruning of trees must meet standard and acceptable arboricultural practices.
- ☞ The city's Tree Warden and/or Arborist will meet with the applicant to determine the extent of work anticipated on the street tree.
- ☞ No tree work shall be performed within ten (10) feet of the utility wires without the express permission from the city's Tree Warden.

## Plant-A-Tree

Tree planting is a commitment that should be seriously considered by the property owner/homeowner as a way of keeping New Haven green. Applicants of the Trees of New Haven Program with the City of New Haven Parks Department are welcome to plant street trees if they abide by the following guidelines:

- ☞ Application for permission must be made two weeks prior to planting tree(s).
- ☞ The city's Tree Warden, Arborist and/or staff, will meet with the applicant to determine the placement of the city street tree.
- ☞ Only approved tree species may be used (see list available on-line [cityofnewhaven.com/parks](http://cityofnewhaven.com/parks) or call 946-2203).
- ☞ The planting of tree(s) must meet standard and acceptable arboricultural practices.
- ☞ The property owner/homeowner agrees to water and maintain the tree(s) so as to increase the chances of the tree's survival. It may take over a year before a tree is fully established and able to survive without regular watering.
- ☞ The city's tree Warden must approve the location that the tree(s) is to be planted