

# EDGEWOOD TREE PLANTING REQUEST FORM (2 pages)

I \_\_\_\_\_ the property owner of \_\_\_\_\_  
(PRINT/Property Owner Name) (PRINT/ Street Address including "ST." "AVE.")  
request that the BOROUGH OF EDGEWOOD or it's partner(s) supply and install tree(s) on the public right-of-way adjacent to my property. I understand the planting of trees may necessitate the cutting of an opening in the sidewalk approximately 30 square feet (at a minimum of 3' wide, often as a 3' by 10' pit) to accommodate the tree planting. A site can be rejected if the sidewalk is not wide enough to support a 3' wide tree pit and have at least 36" of usable sidewalk remaining, the standard for both the Borough and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

I hereby acknowledge that I am the owner of the above said property. I hereby request the Borough to supply and install a tree(s) to be located on the municipal right-of-way adjacent to my property. I understand that there is no charge for this service. I agree to perform general upkeep of the tree planting bed by weeding, annually mulching, and providing water for establishment and during drought periods (see page 2).

I also understand this form does not guarantee that a tree(s) will be placed adjacent to my property. Upon receipt of this request, the TreeVitalize Forester will do a site analysis to determine the suitability of planting a tree at this location.

**Please initial all that apply and sign below:** \* agreement is required to qualify

\_\_\_\_ I have read and understand the terms described above and in "Agreement to Plant a Street Tree" \*

\_\_\_\_ I understand that the species of tree will be determined by a Tree Vitalize or NMRWA representative.\*

\_\_\_\_ I agree to share in the responsibility to care for the requested tree(s).

\_\_\_\_ I understand my site may require removing concrete, sidewalk or paving materials in order to plant this tree and I give permission to have this done. \*

\_\_\_\_ I am willing to volunteer to help plant my tree.

\_\_\_\_ I am willing to help care for other trees in my neighborhood.

Property Owner \_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

Planting Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Edgewood, PA 15218

Telephone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Comments/Special Instructions:

Please return completed **TREE PLANTING REQUEST FORM** to one of the following:

**Nine Mile Run Watershed Association**  
321 Pennwood Ave. Ste. 202, Pittsburgh, PA 15221

If this request is part of a coordinated effort within your neighborhood or business district please return to the individual or organization listed below. This individual or organization will assemble and forward all requests to the Borough.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

## Property Owners - Keep this page for **your records** **Agreement to Plant a Street Tree in EDGEWOOD**

By signing the Tree Planting Request Form, you, the property owner, agree that:

- A representative of the Borough or its partner(s) will inspect your location and determine whether it is an appropriate site for a tree(s) to be planted.
- The Borough in partnership with its selected experts shall determine an appropriate tree species for your location.
- If the site requires it, you give permission for a tree pit to be cut in your sidewalk or pavement that will be up to code with both the Borough and the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- You or NMRWA will water the tree (approximately 20 gallons per week—To supplement rainfall) March through December for two growing seasons.
- You will protect your tree from damage by cars, lawn mowers, etc.
- You will notify the Borough or NMRWA if the tree appears to be sick or damaged.
- If you cancel the tree installation after signing this form and the pavement has been cut, you will be responsible for replacing the pavement at your expense.

You understand that:

- Your request for a tree may be denied—not all sites are appropriate for tree planting.
- Street trees and trees in the public right-of-way are the property and responsibility of the Borough. Trees planted outside of the public right-of-way are the responsibility of the property owner.
- Only the Borough can authorize major pruning or removal of street trees.

### **The Benefits of Trees**

- Increase property values
- Bring beauty and character to neighborhoods
- Save energy by cutting heating and air-conditioning costs
- Shade and cool neighborhoods, reducing temperatures on hot summer days
- Clean pollutants out of the air and water
- Reduce storm water runoff
- Buffer and reduce noise
- Promote community interaction and renewal
- Provide habitat for birds and wildlife