



City of Berkley
3238 Bacon, Berkley, MI 48072

Fall 2019
Tree Planting Program

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As Michigan residents, we are very familiar with periods of extreme dryness and heat, even to the point of having restrictions placed on us for watering our grass and plants. We have experienced days of uncomfortable weather and trying to “keep cool”. Fortunately, we can provide some easy and painless solutions that won’t destroy your sanity or your budget. Plant a tree! The City of Berkley has entered into yet another Tree Planting Program to benefit everyone in our community.

WHY PLANT A TREE?

There are so many reasons to plant a tree we could not possibly list all of them here. The appeal of Berkley’s neighborhoods in the real estate market is partly due to our tree-lined streets, and therefore adds to the resale value of your homes. Correctly planted trees can make your home substantially more comfortable, even without air conditioning. In addition, trees and shrubs trap rainwater allowing it to soak into the soil, avoiding erosion and run-off.

Please note that trees planted between the sidewalk and curb or on a boulevard must be planted by the city contractor.

Order must be **placed and paid for** by **8-16-19** at the **DPW office only**. Trees are limited and can be purchased on a first-come, first-serve basis only.



THINK BEFORE YOU PLANT!

Before you buy a tree there are several factors to consider. Here is a brief list to help you decide what and where to plant. Don't turn your investment into a liability!

Know Your Trees

Become acquainted with the trees that interest you. Things to consider are mature size, maintenance requirements, litter problems, common insect and disease problems. Books, nursery personnel, or the Berkley Tree Board can help you choose the best tree for your needs. The Tree Board meets the 2nd Monday of most months at 7:00 PM at Berkley Library.

Size Is Relative

Many people do not plan for the eventual height and width of their trees. A common mistake is to plant too close to a building or place to tall a tree below overhead utilities, resulting in trees that are chopped and disfigured when pruning is required. Low-growing trees can also be a problem. Trees planted near sidewalks and streets should not have low branches that interfere with pedestrian or street traffic.

Litter

Litter comes in many forms: fruit, seeds, nuts, sap, dead flowers and leaves are some of the by-products of trees. Some of these are not a problem, while others can be dangerous underfoot. Honeydew secreted by aphids on tree leaves can soil a car parked underneath. These problems can be avoided or minimized by proper selection and placement of the tree in the landscape.

Getting Back To Your Roots

Some trees, such as soft maples, have root systems that will break up concrete when planted to close to sidewalks and drives. Trees with invasive root systems such as silver maple, willow and poplar will grow through cracks in sewer lines and block them. Never plant over underground lines. These can be located by calling the Miss Dig toll free number 1-800-482-7171 (3 working days) before planting.

Good Trees Make Good Neighbors

When planting close to property lines, be a considerate neighbor. Discuss your plans and listen to any objections. Will your tree shade a vegetable garden or litter a pool? Relocating the tree or choosing a smaller species might solve the problem and let everyone enjoy your tree.

Nuisance Trees, Etc.

Some trees are blessed with thorns or attract swarms of bees when in flower. Although they may be worthwhile landscape specimens, it's a good idea to locate these trees away from walkways and children's play areas.

Most cities such as Berkley have a city tree ordinance which defines "nuisance" trees. These are trees that have invasive root systems, excessive litter and are likely to break during storms or are susceptible to insects and disease. A simple call to the Department of Public Works, (248) 658-3490, will answer any questions about what trees you should not plant. Rather than being restrictive, such ordinances can help you avoid the most troublesome species. Choosing the right tree for the right place guarantees your investment will grow with each passing year.

Selection can be made from the following variety of trees. The cost for trees purchased for private property **does not** include planting cost. If the tree is to be planted on **city property** (between the sidewalk and curb) the cost listed **includes** planting by the City’s contractor.

TREE	TREE DESCRIPTIONS	REACH
Tulip-tree	Fast growing. Bloom tulip shaped flowers late spring, early summer. Golden yellow foliage in fall.	90 ft high & 45 ft wide
Princeton Elm	Large leathery dark green foliage turning yellow in fall.	80 ft high & 40 ft wide
Eastern Redbud	Rosy pink flowers in the spring, Leaves emerge a reddish color, then green to yellow in fall.	25 ft high & 30 ft wide
Pyramidal European Hornbeam	Slow growing. Forest green foliage. Pointy leaves turn yellow in fall.	40 ft high & 25 ft wide
Sterling Linden	Dark green leaves with silver underneath that turn golden in the fall. Medium growth rate.	45 ft high & 30 ft wide
Redmond American Linden	Growth rate medium to fast. Light green leaves. Fall color is pale yellow/golden	45 ft high & 35 ft wide
Kwanzan Cherry	Deep pink flowers in Spring. Non-fruit bearing. Leaves are dark green in Summer then yellow, orange or bronze in fall.	35 ft high & 35 ft. wide
London Planetree Exclamation	Fast growing. Bark sheds to expose unique smooth patchy inner bark. Large leaves turn yellow/brown in fall.	60 ft high & 45 ft wide
Skyline Honeylocust	Dark green leaflets turning golden yellow in fall.	70 ft high & 60 ft wide
Zelkova – Green Vase	Fast growing. Bright green foliage turning bronze/red in fall.	40 ft high & 35 ft wide
Zelkova – Ogon	Medium growth rate. Interesting peeling bark and yellow foliage in spring turning green in summer and gold in fall	45 ft high & 35 ft wide

******ORDER FORM ON BACK******



City of Berkley
 3238 Bacon, Berkley, MI 48072
2019 Tree Order Form

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

\$130.00/ea. for trees purchased for the easement between sidewalk and street. City trees are planted by a City contractor at no charge to residents.

\$155.00/ea. for trees purchased for private property.

*Homeowners plant trees themselves or pay \$100.00 for the contractor to plant.

Type of Tree:	City :	Private:	Quantity:	Price each:	Total:
_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____

*I want contractor to plant my private tree at above charge YES NO Grand Total \$ _____

Location of private tree to be planted? _____

Orders and payment are due by August 16, 2019
Cash or check made payable to:

THE CITY OF BERKLEY

Orders accepted in person, by phone, or by mail (allow 6 delivery days) at:

Berkley DPW, 3238 Bacon, Berkley, MI 48072 -248 658-3490 only.

Questions: Call 248-658-3490 or email jlaity@berkleymich.net

Once order is placed, Miss Dig will be called to mark any underground utilities. When lines have been marked (3 days from order) we will mark the area that is best for the tree to be planted, taking into consideration of underground utilities and signs.

****Delivery and planting of trees is determined by weather.**

Trees transplant better if they are in a dormant state**

REMINDER:

According to the City of Berkley Tree Ordinance, all **trees must be planted at least 10 feet from all underground utilities and a minimum of 6 feet from driveway approaches.** In most cases, one tree located between the sidewalk and the curb on an average size lot is permitted.

For Office Use			
Order rec'd:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cash	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Private	<input type="checkbox"/>	Contractor
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