

SWISSVALE TREE PLANTING REQUEST FORM (2 pages)

I _____ the property owner of _____
(PRINT/Property Owner Name) (PRINT/ Street Address including "ST." "AVE.")
request a tree(s) to be installed in 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 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.

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 the Shade Tree Advisory Committee or it designees

_____ 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 _____
Swissvale, PA 15218

Telephone Number () _____

Email Address _____

Date ____ / ____ / ____

Comments/Special Instructions:

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

Swissvale Borough Building
7560 Roslyn Street
Or

Property Owners - Keep this page for your records

Agreement to Plant a Street Tree in SWISSVALE

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

- A representative of the NMRWA will inspect your location and determine whether it is an appropriate site for a tree(s) to be planted.
- NMRWA in partnership with the Borough 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.
- NMRWA will water the tree (approximately 20 gallons per week as needed to supplement rainfall) May through October for two growing seasons.
- You will protect your tree from damage by cars, lawn mowers, etc.
- You will notify the NMRWA or Borough 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 the hottest 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