



## Planting trees on your property

### Where is the proper place to plant your tree?

Avoid planting trees in the right of way and in areas where utilities, overhead electric wires, and underground water and gas mains are located. To find out where lines are located, always call the Call Before You Dig hotline at 811.

SustainableEHC recommends planting low maintenance, native tree species appropriate for southern New Jersey. Select trees that offer blossoms and color in spring, summer or fall. Keep in mind that property owners are required to maintain their trees and keep them healthy. That includes pruning older trees currently planted in the right of way, and removing dead trees.

Maintenance includes proper raking of fall leaves according to the city's leaf collection schedule. Residents are required to use craft bags or recycling buckets. No plastic bags. Place bags or buckets in your terrace for scheduled ACUA yard waste collection. Visit [www.acua.com](http://www.acua.com) for an annual collection schedule.



## Planting trees in city parks

Shade trees are needed in city parks and playgrounds. You can help keep our parks and playgrounds shaded for sunny days by volunteering for group tree-plantings, or by helping us obtain donated trees for planting projects.

Residents are invited to participate in the city's annual Arbor Day tree planting ceremony on the last Friday in April.

Tree plantings are welcome at Lincoln Park, Peace Pilgrim Park, Key-Rec/John Leek athletic fields, KaBOOM playground, and at the city's three public schools.

For more information about how you can keep the city green and cool, contact SustainableEHC.



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# Sustainable EHC



## Tree Planting in Egg Harbor City



A property owner's guide to planting trees in Egg Harbor City





## Be a tree hugger...plant a tree

“To exist as a nation, to prosper as a state, and to live as a people, we must have trees.”

*Theodore Roosevelt*

Planting a tree near your home or in your community brings beauty, shade, cleans the air and reduces noise. Here are some reasons to plant a tree:

- ❖ Memorial gift
- ❖ Honorariums
- ❖ Privacy
- ❖ Reduces soil erosion
- ❖ Winter wind break
- ❖ Summer cooling
- ❖ Reduce air pollution
- ❖ Increase property values
- ❖ Fall color/spring blossoms
- ❖ Fruits/nuts
- ❖ Wildlife habitat
- ❖ Landscape design
- ❖ Sight or sound barrier

## Tree Planting Tips

### Call before you dig

Don't just dig a hole and possibly rupture a gas line. The city requires you to call the Call Before You Dig hotline at 811 to locate underground utilities. Call two weeks in advance of planting your tree.

### Dig a proper hole

Dig a hole 2-5 times wider than the diameter of the root ball. Slope the sides to allow for proper root growth. Don't plant too deep. The trunk flare should sit slightly above ground level and the topmost roots should be buried 1-2 inches.

### Backfilling

Backfill with native soils unless it is clay. Tamp the soil gently to fill large air spaces.

### Mulch away

Mulch your new planting to keep it moist after watering. Mulch 2-3 inches deep, but leave a 1-2 inch clearance between the trunk and the mulch.

### Watering

Give your new tree a good drink of water. Water twice a week until roots are established.