

# The Pocket Tree Canopy Needs Some Help.

We have many wonderful mature trees in the Pocket but many of them are old, nearing the end of their lives or worse -infested with the emerald ash borer- and likely to be cut within the next two years.

In many front and back yards our trees have already died out. Our neighborhood tree canopy needs your help.

Will you plant a front yard tree? It's free.



## Free Trees for Residents

The City offers Free Front Yard Trees as part of its Urban Forestry Program. Free. All you need to do is :

1. Call 311 and request a tree or
2. Fill out this form and drop it off in the mailboxes listed.

City staff will visit your property and schedule a planting. You do not need to be home.

## Do I Have a Choice of Trees?

Yes – See reverse for some of your options. You can request a specific species. Let us know if you need help choosing.

## When will my tree be planted?

Depending on when you sign up, your tree will be planted either in the spring or fall..

## I'd Like a Bigger Tree

The free trees offered by the city are fairly small (though they will grow big fast, with care). You can purchase a larger sized tree through a subsidized program offered by the Pocket Tree Project. These trees cost \$500-1000 and are 20' tall. Contact us to find out more.

## I'd Like a Backyard Tree

We can help. We've partnered with LEAF who can supply subsidized native trees and shrubs.

Contact them at [www.yourleaf.org](http://www.yourleaf.org).

## What good is a tree?

- They cool down our houses in summer, saving you money (and let sun rays through in the winter)
- They reduce heating costs by breaking those cold winter winds
- They filter air pollution and produce oxygen
- They make our streets beautiful and shady
- They increase the value of our homes
- They provide habitat for birds and beneficial insects

*The City wants to give you \$10,000 for free!\**

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*A mature front yard tree can add up to \$10,000 to the value of your house.*

## The Pocket Tree Project

We are a committed group of neighborhood volunteers, here to help you. We can help you choose a tree, make contact with the city on your behalf and advise you on tree care.

### Contact us:

[treeproject@thepocket.ca](mailto:treeproject@thepocket.ca)  
[thepocket.ca/treeproject](http://thepocket.ca/treeproject)  
647-343-1895

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Form: Drop off at 114 Boulton Ave. or 15 Condor Ave.

Home Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address and Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Tree Species: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice Species: \_\_\_\_\_

A few good picks (more options available as well)

Tree sizes are shown at mid-life (40-60 years)



Sugar Maple  
16-20m/ 52-65ft  
Fast growing  
Spring or Fall Planting  
Bright Red in fall: keys  
Native to Southern Ont.

Freeman Maple  
'Autumn Blaze'  
14-18m/45-60ft  
Very fast growing  
Spring Planting  
Bright Red in fall: keys  
Hybrid of silver and red maple

Red Oak  
16-22m/52-72ft  
Slow growing  
Spring Planting  
Brown-red in Fall; acorns  
Native to Southern Ont.

White Oak  
20-25m/60-75ft  
Slow growing  
Spring or Fall Planting  
Deep Red in Fall; acorns  
Native to Southern Ont.

Hackberry  
12-18m/40-60ft  
Fast growing; Spring Planting  
Orange-red fruit/yellow in fall

Red Maple  
13-15m/42-50ft  
Moderate growing  
Spring Planting  
Brilliant deep scarlet in fall; keys



Ironwood  
12-15m/40-50ft  
Moderately slow growing  
Spring or Fall Planting  
Yellow flower catkins in spring

Bur Oak  
Up to 15m/50ft  
Moderate growing  
Yellow/red fall foliage; acorns

Ohio Buckeye  
Up to 15m/50 ft  
Yellow/green flowers in spring, Orange/yellow fall foliage  
Produces prickly fruit

London Plane Tree  
20-25m/60-82ft  
Fast growing  
Spring Planting  
Spring yellow flower; brown fall foliage with fruit; mottled silver-white bark

Tulip Tree  
Up to 35m/115ft  
Fast growing  
Spring Planting  
Spring yellow tulip-like flower; yellow fall foliage

Black Locust  
To 21m/70ft  
Fast growing  
Flowers cream-white in drooping racemes; produces fruit pods  
Yellow fall foliage