

Hey DRC! Give me a TREE! → 2011 Rebate Program

Why Trees?

- Reduce stormwater runoff that can be harmful to our watersheds
- Block winter wind, reducing your heat cost
- Block summer heat, reducing your cooling cost
- Can boost your property value by 15% or more
- Save you tax dollars by reducing polluted water runoff
- And Much More!

What is the Tree Rebate Program?

The DRC tree rebate program is possible through the Chesapeake Bay Trust and in partnership with the Growing Home Campaign. It provides rebates to individuals who purchase and plant trees in yards and neighborhoods throughout the greater Dundalk area.

After using the \$10 Growing Home coupon to purchase the tree of their choice, participants will be eligible for up to \$100 towards the final total cost per tree purchased by a November 18. Participants **must** show proof on the receipt of using the Growing Home Campaign coupon to qualify for the rebate. There is 3 tree maximum for participants. Contact Leah (410.282.0261) if interested in additional trees.

What trees are eligible?

Any tree available at any nursery or garden center **approved through the Growing Home Campaign**. Visit www.growinghome.info or pick up a Growing Home brochure at the DRC office for all the details.

Trees can be planted anywhere in a residential yard, but must be planted at the address on the application that is located in the greater Dundalk community.. Contact the DRC if you have questions about acceptable areas to plant your trees.

How do I receive my rebate?

Complete and submit the included tree rebate application with purchase receipt(s) by mail or in person to:

*Dundalk Renaissance Corporation
c/o Tree Rebate
PO Box 9276
Dundalk, MD 21222*

Rebate applications will be accepted until November 18, 2011.

For more information:

Contact Leah at 410.282.0261 or leah@dundalkusa.org. Visit our website www.dundalkusa.org for more details.

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Important Dates

September 15

Reimbursement window opens, start buying those trees!

November 18

All receipts and reimbursement forms due to the DRC office

November-December

- Reimbursement checks sent 2-3 weeks after complete forms and receipts are submitted to DRC office
- DRC office will schedule site visit with participants to photograph you and your newly planted tree!

Date Received: _____
Date Received Confirmation Sent: _____

You must show you used the Growing Home Campaign coupon to purchase your tree(s) to qualify for the rebate program.

Name(s): _____

Date of Birth(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Address where tree(s) will be planted (if different than above) _____

Phone (home): _____ (work): _____

E-mail*: _____

*Email is our primary communication method. (Check if you prefer NOT to be added to the DRC mailing list.)

For data collection purposes only, not used in application review.

Ethnicity: (Please select one) African-American Asia Caucasian Hispanic Other

Language(s) Spoken: (Check all the apply) English Spanish Russian Japanese Chinese Other _____

Employment status: (Please select one) Full Time Part Time Unemployed/Looking Disabled Self employed
 Homemaker Full time Student (High School/College) Retired

Household Income: \$0-\$25,350 \$25,351-\$42,250 \$42,251-\$67,600 \$67,601-\$84,500 \$84,501+

Tree Purchased 1

Species & Common Name: _____ Size: _____ Cost: _____

Reason for tree species selection (i.e. size of yard, shade, fruit, etc):

Location of planting: Front Yard Back Yard Side Yard

Tree Purchased 2

Species & Common Name: _____ Size: _____ Cost: _____

Reason for tree species selection (i.e. size of yard, shade, fruit, etc):

Location of planting: Front Yard Back Yard Side Yard

(If applying for a rebate for more that 2 trees please fill out an additional form)

How many trees where in your yard before this purchase? _____

Do you have a rain barrel? _____ If no, would you like info on rain barrels? _____

Important Information:

- **Tree Care Pledge:** I agree to water and care for my tree(s) for a minimum of two years. A DRC representative can contact me to arrange a site visit. Initial here: _____
- I have received and reviewed the *All About Trees: Planting and Care Guide* (pg 3). Initial here: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Mail or drop off your completed form to: Dundalk Renaissance Corporation c/o Tree Rebate,

PO Box 9276

Dundalk, MD 21222

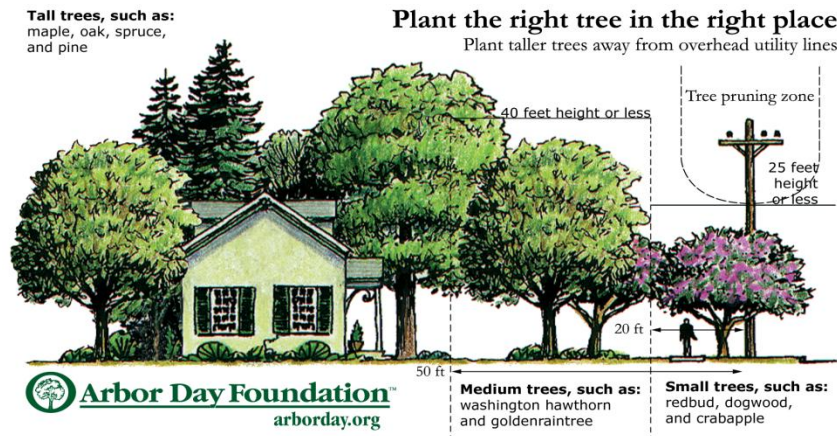
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All About Trees: Planting and Care Guide

Before you Dig:

- Please take power lines, sidewalks, housing foundation, utility line, sewage lines, etc into account when selecting the type of tree and location to plant the tree.
- **Miss Utility** (<http://www.missutility.net/maryland/> or 1.800.257.7777) is a good resource to contact before you break ground for your new tree(s)
- **Planting Location Tips from the Arbor Day Foundation:**



The Proper Way to Plant a Tree

1. Dig a hole that is two to three times as wide as the root spread, container diameter. The hole should be **no deeper** than the depth of soil in the container. The hole should be shallow enough that the root collar of the tree is level or slightly above the soil surface.
2. Break up any compacted soil on the sides of the planting space and make sure the bottom of the hole is firm to prevent settling.
3. Remove all string or wiring from container grown trees. Remove the container from container grown trees and shake off any excess soil.
4. Prune any dead, diseased, broken, or circled roots on container grown trees.
5. Place the tree **straight up and centered in the hole**. Make sure roots of bare root trees are relatively straight and spread out. Straighten the tree in the hole and check that the root collar is visible at soil level.
6. Gently pack backfill soil around base of root ball. Allow rest of backfill to settle naturally, use water to settle, or tamp lightly. Continue to fill the planting hole with soil up to the tree base.
7. Apply a 2- to 4-inch layer of mulch over the entire rooting area, leaving a 3-inch circle of bare soil around the trunk. **Do not let mulch touch the tree trunk!**
8. Water the tree thoroughly to settle soil and minimize large air pockets.

After Planting Tree Care Tips:

- **Watering a newly planted tree is critical to its survival**, especially in the first growing season! Your tree needs at least 10 gallons of water twice a week from May- November. Remember that tree roots will grow as wide as the tree branches. Water the mulched area and allow the water to slowly soak into the ground around the tree.
- Try to keep grass and weeds out of the mulched area around the base of the tree because they compete for the same water and nutrients that the tree needs.
- Most fertilizers are not made to benefit newly planted trees and the tree should not need it.
- Any stakes should be removed after one year.

For more helpful tips and information visit: <http://www.growinghome.info> | <http://www.arborday.org/trees/> | <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/forests/treemendous/> | www.dundalkusa.org