

Free Trees for East Bethesda

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Dear East Bethesda Neighbor:

Would you like to help grow back the tree canopy in our neighborhood? Have you noticed a number of newly-planted street trees? Would you like one in front or back of your house – for free? We now have 3 options for free trees for residents depending on your location and space.

In the fall, after the street work was completed, **Montgomery County DOT** planted many **free street trees** that neighbors had signed up for. So far, about 90 street trees have been planted by the Department of Transportation (DOT) in the green strips and County rights of way in East Bethesda. DOT has promised us that **they will plant additional trees this fall for interested residents** at no cost – **if you sign up now**. Normally, DOT has a 2-3 year backlog for planting, but if you sign up with us now - and if you qualify - you should get a tree sooner. NOTE: Small tree species will be planted where there are powerlines, and larger shade trees will be planted where there are no powerlines.

If you do not meet space and other requirements for a **street tree** (in your green strip or in the county right of way), you **may** still qualify for a free large shade tree on your **own property** through **Tree Montgomery**, a County program of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Tree Montgomery has already planted several trees on East Bethesda residents' properties and more trees are still to come. If interested in a tree on your property, **you can sign up on the following website, OR we can sign you up.**

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DEP/Tree/Tree-request.html>

Shades of Green is another County program that plants trees in areas of the neighborhood considered part of the commercial district. You may consider this program if you live on the first block in from Wisconsin, the first block of Chelton in from EW Hwy, and along both sides of Tilbury, Sleaford and Middleton.

Please contact any of us if you have questions or would like to sign up for a free tree.

Sincerely,

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