

When you plant a tree always
remember to:

1 call before you dig

Three business days before planting, contact PA One Call (www.pa1call.org or 1-800-248-1786) to have underground utilities located. This service is free to homeowners doing their own work on residential property.

2 handle with care

Always lift a tree by the root ball – never by the trunk.
Keep roots moist until planting.

3 dig a proper hole

Dig 2 to 5 times wider than the diameter of the root ball with sloping sides to allow for proper growth.

4 plant at the right depth

The root flare should sit at ground level and the top-most roots should be buried 1–2 inches.

5 fill the hole

Backfill with soil. Tamp in soil gently to fill large air spaces.

6 mulch

Mulch your new tree with 2 to 3 inches of organic mulch. Be sure to keep the mulch 2 to 3 inches away from the trunk.

7 tend your tree

Newly planted trees need lots of tender loving care.
Be sure to thoroughly water for the first two years.
Re-mulching and training pruning may also be necessary.
To learn more about tree care and how to become a Tree Tender, go to pittsburghforest.org.



TreeVitalize Pittsburgh is a joint project of Allegheny County, the City of Pittsburgh, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Friends of the Pittsburgh Urban Forest and the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy.

To learn how to become a Tree Vitalize community, go to treevitalizepgh.org.

Your private property planting
helps us reach our goal of
20,000 trees by 2012. Thank You!

Help the Pittsburgh region grow

Trees Count!

Together we can plant 20,000 trees by 2012.

By planting trees on your own property, you can...

- > reduce energy consumption
- > increase your property value
- > improve air and water quality
- > improve human health

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cover in the Pittsburgh region*

Plant the right tree in the right spot

Planting a tree is a long-term investment in your property and your community. Take the time to evaluate your property and carefully plan your landscape before you plant your trees.

Remember to consider the height and canopy spread of the mature tree when choosing which species to plant.

EVERGREEN TREE

Plant evergreen trees as windscreens where they will block winter wind, but make sure they do not block winter sun.

MEDIUM TREE

Shade trees planted east and west of your home can cut cooling costs 15–35%.

SMALL TREE

Plant only small, low growing trees under utility lines or to provide a green accent to buildings or other structures.

COLUMNAR TREE


Plant columnar trees in narrow spaces or near other obstructions. Their straight growing tendencies will keep the tree branches away from interferences.

LARGE TREE

Plant deciduous shade trees for summer shade and winter radiation.

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Be sure to tell us about the new trees on your property by registering your planting online at treevitalizepgh.org or calling 412-586-2396.

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