

7. Trees must receive watering within 24 hours of planting. To promote proper growth and the health of the tree, periodic watering should be performed once every 10-14 days using slow running water for approximately 20-30 minutes.

8. Mulch must be applied within 24 hours of planting at a depth no less than 3 inches for the entire excavated area.

E. PERMIT REQUIRED _____

1. No parkway tree shall be planted until written permission is secured from the Village of Richton Park. A Parkway Tree Planting permit (no cost) must be secured from the Village prior to any/all planting.

2. No permits will be issued to plant trees on private property.

C. VIOLATION _____

Any person or persons who have violated any portion of these planting specifications will be responsible for removing any trees that have been planted, at the cost of the offender.

NO MAPLE TREES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT UNDER THIS PROGRAM DUE TO OVER POPULATION IN THE URBAN FOREST.



PERMITTED PLANTING SPECIES

It is the intent of the Village to diversify the tree species within our urban forest. The following list of trees has been established as trees that are relatively disease and insect free, few or no litter problems, noninvasive root systems, and durable enough to withstand parkway conditions.

ACCEPTABLE

- ◆ Ginkgo (male only)
- ◆ Common Hackberry
- ◆ Thornless Honeylocust
- ◆ Hornbeam- American
- ◆ Hornbeam-European Fastigiata
- ◆ Kentucky Coffee Tree
- ◆ Lilac- Japanese Tree Ivory Silk
- ◆ Linden- Little Leaf
- ◆ Linden- Sterling Silver
- ◆ London Plane Tree
- ◆ Maple- State Street
- ◆ Oak- Bur
- ◆ Oak- Chinquapin
- ◆ Oak- English
- ◆ Oak- Northern Red
- ◆ Sweetgum- Moraine
- ◆ Tulip Tree
- ◆ Zelkova- Green Vase
- ◆ Zelkova- Halka

Any tree planted under this program, must be pre-approved through a permit application. Applications are available at Village Hall, or on line at the Village web site at www.richtonpark.org.



ASH TREE RESTORATION

THE 50/50 PARKWAY TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR PARKWAY SHADE TREE PLANTING

VILLAGE OF RICHTON PARK
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The 50/50 Parkway Tree Planting Program is one of the many valuable components in the Village's overall Urban Forestry Management Plan. The Plan and the associated components strive to provide the Village of Richton Park with a high quality of life. Planting shade trees produces many valuable benefits such as: shade, beauty, softens the hard appearance of concrete structures, helps stabilize soil by controlling wind and water erosion, filters and reduces stormwater run-off, helps reduce noise levels, cleanses pollutants from the air, and provides oxygen and absorbs carbon dioxide. Trees also provide significant increased economic value to all real estate properties located within the Village of Richton Park.

50/50 COST SHARING PROGRAM

The Village of Richton Park, in a joint effort with homeowners, has created a 50/50 Parkway Tree Planting Program. This program is based on a cooperative agreement whereby the Village will contribute half the cost to the purchase and plant new tree(s) (**up to \$200/tree**) with the homeowner paying the remaining costs.

The goal of this program is to assist in the replacement of nearly 1,500 ash trees removed from public rights of way. The program allows the homeowner to select the species and plant the parkway tree(s) in front of their home, helping to diversify and restore the urban forest in the wake of EAB and plant a community tree with all of its ecological and beautification benefits.

Residents who wish to be included in the 50/50 Tree Planting Program must fill out an application. Annual funding for the program is limited and participation is **on a first come first served basis**. After the application is received, the proposed tree(s) location will be inspected by the Village arborist to determine if it meets the criteria for participation. If funds are available and the tree chosen eligible to be planted, the Village will issue a permit (no cost) for the tree(s) to be planted by the homeowner.

The applicant must obtain in writing, a one-year written guarantee from the nursery, for 100% replacement for one year from the date of purchase. The applicant should then pay the full amount of the invoice, and have the tree planted. For reimbursement, after the tree has been planted, the homeowner is eligible to submit the 50/50 Parkway Tree reimbursement form along with a copy of the bill (paid in full) in person at the Village Hall or by mail to the Village of Richton Park: 4455 Sauk Trail, Richton Park, IL 60471.

REGULATIONS APPLYING TO PLANTING IF PARKWAY TREES

A. LOCATION

1. Parkway shade trees must be located within the public right-of-way on an alignment parallel to the back of the curb and centered between the sidewalk and the back of curb.
2. Parkway shade trees must have a minimum standard spacing between trees of forty feet (40') to fifty feet (50'). Trees must be planted a minimum of thirty-five (35') feet from a street intersection, measured from curb. Please contact the Village Hall at (708)481-8950 with any questions.
3. Parkway shade trees must have a minimum spacing of twenty feet (25') from any street light poles, street signs, fire hydrants, and any other such items that may, in the opinion of the Village, require similar intervals.
4. All proposed locations must be field inspected and authorized by a representative from the Village of Richton Park, prior to planting.
5. All proposed trees to be planted under aerial utility lines must be of an ornamental, lower growing variety.

B. SIZE/CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

1. All parkway shade trees must have a trunk diameter of 2.5" or larger, as measured six inches (6") above the ground surface level.
2. All trees must conform to the American Standard Nursery Stock as approved by the American National Standards Institute, Inc., and issued as ANSI Z 60 1-2004 or as amended.

3. All trees must be straight, healthy, and typical representatives of their normal species or varieties. Each tree must have a recognizable central leader.
4. All trees **must be a single stem** with no limbs on the trunk lower than four (4) feet above the ground.
5. All trees must be freshly dug, free on insect pests, plant diseases, sunscald, fresh abrasions, and other injuries, and with healthy, well developed root systems.

C. PERMITTED VARIETIES

See back panel of brochure for a list of permitted tree varieties.

D. PLANTING

1. Before digging, call JULIE at 811 or go to the website www.illinois1call.com to file an "e-request". Locating underground utilities is required before any digging begins.
2. All trees must be planted to the depth of the root collar. Any need for adjustment within the ball will be performed at the time of planting.
3. All planting holes must be at least twenty inches (20") larger in diameter than the tree ball to a depth such that the tree when planted will be situated with the root collar at the ground line. If holes are pre-dug, they must be barricaded until planting is complete.
4. All wire baskets must be removed from the ball prior to planting or the top half of the basket must be cut off prior to backfilling. All twine or rope must be cut and the burlap folded away from the root collar prior to backfilling.
5. All backfill material will consist of pulverized black dirt.
6. All trees must be planted on public property, in the parkway, or within the right-of-way, in order to qualify for this program. Tree planting can only take place prior to June 15th, or after September 15th.

