



# Plant Free Trees *in Your* Neighborhood

Urban Ecosystems  
and Resilience



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## SUMMARY

**Mayor Garcetti is taking unprecedented steps to increase tree canopy across Los Angeles by 2028,** including by at least 50% in areas of greatest need. Urban forests bring cooler temperatures, help clean our air, and make our communities more beautiful. We are working hard to expand tree canopy in our hottest and most underserved neighborhoods so that all Angelenos can experience the power of trees.

## BENEFITS

- Lowers temperatures by 8-10 degrees, reducing heat-related illnesses.
- Improves air quality by removing harmful pollutants -- each tree removes 48lbs of CO2 annually, equivalent to taking 10 cars off the road for a year.
- Encourages walking and bicycling by creating shady public spaces.
- Cools homes and buildings and limits the need for air conditioning.

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTION:

## Request a free street tree from City Plants

City Plants will obtain the necessary permits from the City's Urban Forestry Division, which includes identifying the most appropriate species for your home or neighborhood and the best location(s) for planting. One of their planting partners will then come plant the tree for you. You will be responsible for watering your tree.

Visit [Cityplants.org/our-programs/street-trees](https://cityplants.org/our-programs/street-trees) or call City Plants at (213) 473-9950.

## Adopt a free tree

Request a tree for your yard, apartment, or homeowner as association from City Plants or attend a community event where they are being distributed. This includes fruit trees depending on time of year and availability.

To apply, go to [Cityplants.org/trees-for-your-apartment-or-hoa](https://cityplants.org/trees-for-your-apartment-or-hoa).

## Become a City Plants Block Leader

Level of difficulty (1 - 5): 1 - easy

Being a City Plants Block Leader -- 3 (somewhat difficult)

Become a City Plants Block Leader: immediate  
Download the City Plants Block Leader Toolkit. Visit [Cityplants.org/become-a-block-leader](https://cityplants.org/become-a-block-leader) to learn more.

## Create a tree adoption event

Invite City Plants to create a tree adoption event (for Neighborhood Councils only).

To begin the planning process, fill out the form at [Cityplants.org/host-a-tree-adoption](https://cityplants.org/host-a-tree-adoption) or email [bpw.tree.request@lacity.org](mailto:bpw.tree.request@lacity.org).

## Volunteer

Volunteer with City Plants! Check out their tree planting calendar at [Cityplants.org/tree-plantings](https://cityplants.org/tree-plantings).





# HELPFUL LINKS

[California Urban Forests Council](#)

[Trees Are Good](#)

[Tree care videos by Tree People](#)

[Best fruit tree options for Southern California](#)

# PARTNERS

Below are some L.A.-based organizations working in the urban tree space. If you know of other organizations that should be included, please email [sustainability@lacity.org](mailto:sustainability@lacity.org).



**TreePeople** inspires and supports the people of LA to come together to plant and care for trees, harvest the rain, and renew depleted landscapes.

[Treepeople.org](http://Treepeople.org)  
(818) 753-4600



**City Plants** mission is to grow a greener future for Los Angeles by engaging Angelenos to plant and care for trees throughout the City.

[Cityplants.org](http://Cityplants.org)  
(213) 473-9950



**Nature for All** works to build a diverse base of support for ensuring that everyone in the Los Angeles area—no matter where they live—has equitable access to the wide range of benefits that nature can provide.

[Lanatureforall.org](http://Lanatureforall.org)  
[contact@lanatureforall.org](mailto:contact@lanatureforall.org)



**LADWP** is funding 40,000 trees to be planted throughout the City of Los Angeles providing energy savings, decreasing ambient temperatures, and reducing greenhouse gases and other pollutants. This supports LADWP's mission to provide clean, reliable water and power and excellent customer service in a safe, environmentally responsible, and cost-effective manner. [Ladwp.com](http://Ladwp.com)