

Branching Out Parker

Tree Reimbursement Program Information and Guidelines



The Town of Parker tree reimbursement program, “Branching Out Parker” provides up to \$300 in funding assistance for Parker residents to encourage the planting of trees throughout the Town. Planting trees improves the environment plus it’s a simple, cost effective way for residents to participate in the enhancement of their local neighborhoods and the community. This program is funded through existing money from developer impact fees.

Eligibility

All single-family, owner occupied residential lots/ units within the Town limits are eligible to participate for a maximum of one application per program year. Owners of multiple single-family residential units can participate in this program but may only apply for one lot per program year. Tree purchase and installation costs are eligible for reimbursement. General landscaping, irrigation systems, tree maintenance or tree removal costs are not eligible expenses. To be eligible for the reimbursement, **ONLY** the tree(s) purchased and installed may appear on the invoice that is submitted to the Town for reimbursement.

Application

Applications will be accepted beginning **April 1, 2021** through **May 2, 2021**. Application forms are available online at www.ParkerRec.com/BranchingOutParker. Late applications will not be considered. Applicants will be notified of acceptance within 48-hours. Each application will be processed and approved based on available funding allocated for that program year. All applications must include the location and species of tree(s) to be installed on the lot, and indicate that all trees planted as part of this program are served by a permanent automatic irrigation system.

Tree Species

The Town’s Parks, Forestry and Open Space Division has developed a list of recommended trees that are eligible for this program based on their success in our climate and resistance various diseases. Attention should be given to placement of trees based on individual tree preferences such as sun exposure, drainage, slopes and soil type. Mature size of the tree(s) should also be considered when planting near structures, overhead power lines or existing trees. Trees on the “prohibited” list will not be approved or eligible for reimbursement. For information on preferred tree species and planting guidelines, visit www.ParkerRec.com/BranchingOutParker.

Tree Purchase

Once a letter of acceptance is received, we encourage applicants to purchase their trees, according to the recommended tree species list, from vendors, licensed nurseries or landscape contractors, preferably located within the Town limits; outside Town limits is acceptable as well. Receipts dated prior to the acceptance letter will not be eligible for reimbursement. It is the applicant's responsibility to coordinate with their vendor regarding tree installation and comply with any requirements and/or conditions of their HOA.

Inspection and Reimbursements

Once approved and planted, the actual tree cost, including installation, will be reimbursed through the Branching Out program up to \$300 or 50 percent whichever is less. See examples below:

Tree(s) purchased and planted

- \$400 cost for tree at 50 percent reimbursement = \$200 reimbursement from the Town.
- \$800 cost for tree(s) at 50 percent reimbursement = \$300 maximum reimbursement from the Town.

To receive reimbursement, trees must be purchased and planted and a copy of the paid receipt uploaded and attached to the approved permit no later than July 5, 2021. Once the receipt has been received, staff may conduct a quick on-site verification that the tree(s) has been planted. If the planted tree(s) and paperwork meet all of the Town's specifications, a reimbursement check will be authorized and mailed to the applicant in four to six weeks, based on normally scheduled Town Finance Department check runs.



Warranty

It is the responsibility of the program participant to maintain the trees and coordinate with the vendor directly regarding any warranty and/or maintenance issues.

Contact Information

Program information is available online at www.ParkerRec.com/BranchingOutParker. Please email any questions or requests for additional information to BOP@parkeronline.org.



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