



**City of Berkley**  
**3238 Bacon, Berkley, MI 48072**

**Fall 2018**  
**Tree Planting Program**

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As Michigan residents, we are very familiar with periods of extreme dryness and heat, even to the point of having restrictions placed on us for watering our grass and plants. We have experienced days of uncomfortable weather and trying to “keep cool”. Fortunately, we can provide some easy and painless solutions that won’t destroy your sanity or your budget. Plant a tree! The City of Berkley has entered into yet another Tree Planting Program to benefit everyone in our community.

**WHY PLANT A TREE?**

There are so many reasons to plant a tree we could not possibly list all of them here. The appeal of Berkley’s neighborhoods in the real estate market is partly due to our tree-lined streets, and therefore adds to the resale value of your homes. Correctly planted trees can make your home substantially more comfortable, even without air conditioning. In addition, trees and shrubs trap rainwater allowing it to soak into the soil, avoiding erosion and run-off.

**Please note that trees planted between the sidewalk and curb or on a boulevard must be planted by the city contractor.**

Order must be **placed and paid for** by **8-17-18** at the **DPW office only**. Trees are limited and can be purchased on a first-come, first-serve basis only.



**THINK BEFORE YOU PLANT!**

Before you buy a tree there are several factors to consider. Here is a brief list to help you decide what and where to plant. Don't turn your investment into a liability!

### **Know Your Trees**

Become acquainted with the trees that interest you. Things to consider are mature size, maintenance requirements, litter problems, common insect and disease problems. Books, nursery personnel, or the Berkley Tree Board can help you choose the best tree for your needs. The Tree Board meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of most months at 7:00 PM at Berkley Library.

### **Size Is Relative**

Many people do not plan for the eventual height and width of their trees. A common mistake is to plant too close to a building or place to tall a tree below overhead utilities, resulting in trees that are chopped and disfigured when pruning is required. Low-growing trees can also be a problem. Trees planted near sidewalks and streets should not have low branches that interfere with pedestrian or street traffic.

### **Litter**

Litter comes in many forms: fruit, seeds, nuts, sap, dead flowers and leaves are some of the by-products of trees. Some of these are not a problem, while others can be dangerous underfoot. Honeydew secreted by aphids on tree leaves can soil a car parked underneath. These problems can be avoided or minimized by proper selection and placement of the tree in the landscape.

### **Getting Back To Your Roots**

Some trees, such as soft maples, have root systems that will break up concrete when planted to close to sidewalks and drives. Trees with invasive root systems such as silver maple, willow and poplar will grow through cracks in sewer lines and block them. Never plant over underground lines. These can be located by calling the Miss Dig toll free number 1-800-482-7171 (3 working days) before planting.

### **Good Trees Make Good Neighbors**

When planting close to property lines, be a considerate neighbor. Discuss your plans and listen to any objections. Will your tree shade a vegetable garden or litter a pool? Relocating the tree or choosing a smaller species might solve the problem and let everyone enjoy your tree.

### **Nuisance Trees, Etc.**

Some trees are blessed with thorns or attract swarms of bees when in flower. Although they may be worthwhile landscape specimens, it's a good idea to locate these trees away from walkways and children's play areas.

Most cities such as Berkley have a city tree ordinance which defines "nuisance" trees. These are trees that have invasive root systems, excessive litter and are likely to break during storms or are susceptible to insects and disease. A simple call to the Department of Public Works, (248) 658-3490, will answer any questions about what trees you should not plant. Rather than being restrictive, such ordinances can help you avoid the most troublesome species. Choosing the right tree for the right place guarantees your investment will grow with each passing year.

Selection can be made from the following variety of trees. The cost for trees purchased for private property **does not** include planting cost. If the tree is to be planted on **city property** (between the sidewalk and curb) the cost **includes** planting by the City’s contractor.

TREE	TREE DESCRIPTIONS	REACH
<b>Tulip-tree</b>	Fast growing. Bloom tulip shaped flowers late spring, early summer. Golden yellow foliage in fall.	90 ft high & 45 ft wide
<b>Princeton Elm</b>	Large leathery dark green foliage turning yellow in fall.	80 ft high & 40 ft wide
<b>Green Mountain Sugar Maple</b>	Medium to dark-leaves turning to burnt orange or red in fall. Not for small easements. Does not tolerate salt.	50 ft high & 45 ft wide
<b>Eastern Redbud</b>	Rosy pink flowers in the spring, Leaves emerge a reddish color, then green to yellow in fall.	25 ft high & 25 ft wide
<b>Armstrong Maple</b>	Fast growing narrow columnar shape. Light green foliage. Turns yellow to orange-red in fall.	45 ft high & 15 ft wide
<b>Greenspire Linden</b>	Conical, symmetrical. Small leathery dark green leaves turning yellow in fall.	60 ft high & 40 ft wide
<b>Brandywine Maple</b>	Fast growing. Medium green leaves turn red/purple in fall.	45 ft high & 35 ft wide
<b>Kwanzan Cherry</b>	Deep pink flowers in Spring. Non-fruit bearing. Leaves are dark green in Summer then yellow, orange or bronze in fall.	35 ft high & 35 ft. wide
<b>London Planetree Bloodgood</b>	Fast growing. Bark shreds to expose unique smooth patchy inner bark. Large leaves turn yellow/brown in fall.	90 ft high & 75 ft wide
<b>Ivory Silk Lilac</b>	Dark green foliage w/o notable fall color. Large creamy white flower clusters in late spring.	30 ft high & 20 ft wide
<b>Crimson King Maple</b>	Deep purple foliage from spring to fall.	40 ft high & 35 ft wide
<b>Kentucky Coffeetree</b>	Medium-fast growing. Bluish/green leaflets turning yellow in fall. Male species.	75 ft high & 45 ft wide

Also available for private planting only:  
 Katsura Tree  
 Kousa Dogwood

**\*\*\*\*ORDER FORM ON BACK\*\*\*\***



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**2018 Tree Order Form**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\$115.00/ea. for trees purchased for the easement between sidewalk and street. City trees are planted by a City contractor at no charge to residents.

\$140.00/ea. for trees purchased for private property.

\*Homeowners plant trees themselves or pay \$70.00 for the contractor to plant.

\$200.00/ea. for a Tribute tree – includes a certificate given to the family of the person being honored.

Type of Tree:	City :	Private:	Quantity:	Price each:	Total:
_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____

\*I want contractor to plant my tree at above charge YES  NO  Grand Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Location of private tree to be planted? \_\_\_\_\_

**Orders and payment are due by August 17, 2018**  
**Cash or check made payable to:**

**THE CITY OF BERKLEY**

Orders accepted in person, by phone, or by mail (allow 6 delivery days) at:

**Berkley DPW, 3238 Bacon, Berkley, MI 48072 -248 658-3490 only.**

Questions: Call 248-658-3490 or email [jlaity@berkleymich.net](mailto:jlaity@berkleymich.net)

Once order is placed, Miss Dig will be called to mark any underground utilities. When lines have been marked (3 days from order) we will mark the area that is best for the tree to be planted, taking into consideration of underground utilities and signs.

**\*\*Delivery and planting of trees is determined by weather.**  
**Trees transplant better if they are in a dormant state\*\***

**REMINDER:**

According to the City of Berkley Tree Ordinance, all **trees must be planted at least 10 feet from all underground utilities and a minimum of 6 feet from driveway approaches.** In most cases, one tree located between the sidewalk and the curb on an average size lot is permitted.

For Office Use			
Order rec'd:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cash	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Private	<input type="checkbox"/>	Contractor
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