

Village of Fontana on Geneva Lake

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Tree Enhancement Program

*improving our canopy
one tree at a time*

Purpose

Ensuring health and opportunity

The Village of Fontana on Geneva Lake strives to proactively conserve and actively support quality conservation and management of the tree resource for public health and safety, environmental health, and the enhancement of our quality of life.

The purpose of the Tree Enhancement Program is to support public and private tree conservation and management. Understanding that trees and forested areas are substantially altered and lost as humans change land for modern living, this program will encourage citizens to improve and maintain the Village's canopy, one tree at a time.

The benefits of the Tree Enhancement Program are plentiful, and include:

- 1.) Environmental Benefits, such as improvements to air and water quality, stormwater interception, noise abatement, shade, wildlife food and habitat, and reduction in soil erosion.
- 2.) Aesthetic Benefits, such as softening of 'hard development edges' and increased beauty throughout the community.
- 3.) Social Benefits, such as pride in regional identity, preserve neighborhood character by balancing growth with existing tree canopy, and improvements to human physical and mental health.
- 4.) Economic Benefits, such as reduction of costs for heating and cooling, engineered systems for water and air quality control, and increased property values.

Tree Replacement Rebate

Plant a tree in the Village and earn a \$50 rebate

Purchase, plant and care for a tree on your private residential property located in the Village of Fontana and receive a \$50 rebate.

With each valid Tree Removal Permit issued by the Village of Fontana, a \$50 rebate offer will be extended to be used toward the purchase of a replacement tree. (One rebate per residential property per calendar year.) Most trees are eligible. Ineligible trees include ash trees and invasive species such as Buckthorn, Cottonwood, Box elder, and Silver Maple. Ask your garden center, arborist, or landscaper for the right tree, the right location, and planting advice.

- 1.) Obtain a valid tree removal permit from the Building & Zoning Department.
- 2.) Purchase your tree.
- 3.) Plant it at your Village of Fontana residential property and schedule an inspection of your property. (A Building & Zoning Department representative will verify the planting and sign your voucher.)
- 4.) Pledge to water it and care for it for a minimum of three years.
- 5.) Mail your signed voucher, along with a copy of your receipt, to Village Hall.
- 6.) Receive a \$50 rebate check (or the full cost of the tree up to \$50).

Commemorative Trees

Honor the life and accomplishments of loved ones

A commemorative tree is a thoughtful and lasting legacy to a person or an event that occurs in the lives of individuals, families or friends.

The purpose of the Commemorative Tree Program is to provide members of the community a means to recognize and honor others through a lasting tribute. The contribution made through this program will also benefit the village parks and the community as a whole.

- 1.) Park Commission will assist in choosing an appropriate tree.
- 2.) The location of the commemorative tree will be determined by the party's suggestion and the needs of the Village.
- 3.) There are two levels of funding for this program. The costs reflect the costs incurred by the Village for acquiring and planting the tree (direct and indirect expenses).
 - a. Level One is for flowering trees at a cost of \$250.
 - b. Level Two is for shade trees at a cost of \$350.
- 4.) Planting will be done during the recommended planting season for that particular species of tree.
- 5.) Information regarding the tree donor (anonymous donors are accepted), location, species, and date the tree was planted will be printed on a certificate given to the tree donor. In addition, all information of commemorative trees shall be maintained by the Parks Commission and can be viewed upon request.
- 6.) Any person(s) interested in funding a commemorative tree shall do so in writing to the Village of Fontana Parks Commission. All requests shall be reviewed within forty-five days of receipt.

Trees for Tomorrow

Planting a better future today

Would you like more trees in your neighborhood? The Trees for Tomorrow program helps citizens improve their associations and neighborhoods by planting trees.

Once a year, the Parks Commission will accept applications requesting a tree to be provided by and planted by the Village. Eligible areas include association common areas, schools, churches, or condominium grounds.

- 1.) Request the desired species of tree. There is no guarantee, but Parks will work with the applicant to choose an appropriate tree suitable to both parties.
- 2.) Provide a site plan depicting the location for the tree planting, and a minimum three-year maintenance program describing such things as weekly watering schedules, protection from wildlife, etc.
- 3.) Applications will be accepted October 1st through November 30th of each calendar year. Application deadline is November 30th.
- 4.) Up to 3 applications will be awarded each year. It is possible fewer than 3 could be awarded.
- 5.) Awards will be made no later than March 30th.

Note: Trees cannot be planted to satisfy tree mitigation required by a tree removal permit or as required by an approved landscape plan as part of a BSOP, CUP, PD or other such project. Care and maintenance of the trees falls to the responsibility of those awarded a donated tree.

Appendix

Application forms

Plant a Tree in Fontana...Earn a \$50 Rebate!

- 1. **Purchase** an eligible tree.
(no invasive trees or ash)
- 2. **Plant** it at a residence in Fontana.
- 3. **Pledge** to water and care for it for a minimum of three years.
- 4. **Mail** your signed rebate request to Village Hall within 30 days.
- 5. **Receive** your \$50 rebate check
(or the full cost of the tree up to \$50)



TREE REPLACEMENT REBATE Mail rebate request to: Fontana Village Hall
PO Box 200, Fontana, WI 53125

Name of rebate recipient: _____

Mailing address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Tree Removal Permit Number: _____

Physical address where tree is planted: _____

Tree location: front yard back yard side yard

Tree name/species: _____

Size of tree: _____ Price of tree: _____

TREE CARE PLEDGE: I agree to water/care for this tree for at least three years.
Signed: _____

Call 262-275-9769 to schedule a site visit to confirm planting. They will sign below:

Signature of Village representative: _____

Date: _____

Mail this signed voucher along with tree purchase receipt of photocopy of receipt with price circled within thirty (30) days from the date the Village Representative confirmed the planting by signing & dating this voucher.

Trees for Tomorrow Application Form

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED
Oct. 1 through Nov. 30th

Mail application to: Fontana Village Hall
PO Box 200, Fontana, WI 53125

Date: _____

Name of Organization/Association: _____

Project Location (street address): _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Contact/Organizer Name: _____

Contact Email: _____ Contact Phone: _____

Contact Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Requested Tree name/species: _____

TO BE INCLUDED WITH THIS APPLICATION:

- **Statement:** tell us why your group and/or organization should be awarded a tree
- **Site Plan:** show proposed tree planting location
- **Maintenance Agreement:** 3-year signed maintenance plan

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APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED between October 1st and November 30th of each calendar year. Applications will not be accepted at any other time.

AWARD SCHEDULE: All applications submitted within the required timeframe will be reviewed by the Village of Fontana Parks Commission. Up to 3 awards may be given per calendar year. It may be possible that less than 3 are awarded, per the direction of Parks Commission. Awarded applications will be notified no later than March 30th.

PLANTING: Successful applicants will be assigned a planting date. The contact/organizer should be available that date to witness all planting procedures.