

OBTAINING A REPLACEMENT TREE

Trees on Village owned property (median) may only be planted by the Village or its designate.

The two possible ways you may obtain a tree for the Village owned median:

1. Homeowner may put their name on waiting list for a free Village planted tree. Limited budget has allowed 10 – 25 trees per year. Waiting list times could be over 5 years. The Shade Tree Commission will distribute trees by recycling zone area. Last year was Area “A” this year Area “B”.

Funds for trees placed on the village owned median are limited. Demand for these trees in past years has far exceeded the budget for planting. The waiting list for town planted trees currently has over 200 requests. Current funding amounts only allow for 15 to 25 trees per year to be planted

Submit your information to the Village of Ridgewood Shade Tree Department: email parks.shadetree@ridgewoodnj.net Or by phone, 201-670-5565

Village officials will review your request for a free shade tree.

- The free Village tree will only be placed in the median if a suitable spot exists.
- Utilities will be marked and avoided.
- Only small trees will be planted under power lines.
- Site lines for driveways and corners will not be obstructed by trees.
- Waiting times for free trees will generally be long (years) due to restricted budgets.

2. Homeowner may Adopt-A-Tree from Village of Ridgewood. This policy will enable Ridgewood property owners to purchase and maintain a tree selected from an approved species list to place on median (village owned property) in front of their home. A fee will be charged to homeowner, some special select species of tree may cost extra. This fee will allow Ridgewood residents to buy and a plant tree. Trees will be planted in FALL of each year.

In all instances, there are restrictions on where trees can be planted for various reasons such as sight lines, underground utilities, power lines, and sidewalk conflicts.

To participate in Adopt-a-tree

- Apply to the Adopt-a-tree program (APPLICATION) Submitted to Shade tree Department.
- Village official will review application, if suitable spot in median exists an appropriate tree will be planted in the FALL. Residents will have option to have Shade Tree Department select the tree or elect to choose from the approved tree list.

Fees will be set and due at time of application.

- Utilities will be marked and avoided prior to planting

ADOPT A TREE

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

	Procurement	Plant	Maintain *, **	End Life**
Resident Sponsor				
Adopt A Tree	Application		Resident	Village
	Resident fee		Volunteer Asst. (required)	
		Village Arrange		
Waiting List				
Village	Village	Village	Village *, **	Village **
			Volunteer Asst. (requested)	

*Water,Weed, Mulch * 6th year shape prune ** All Citizen Safety issues in Right of way, Village responsibility

EDUCATION

The Adopt-a-tree program will be assisted by a specifically created volunteer group within the STC (i.e. "REFOREST") to assist in the appropriate care of newly planted trees and other tree related issues.. The Shade Tree Commission will train and support volunteer efforts to work on Right of Way (street), park and downtown reforestation. The STC web page will also include educational materials.

APPROVED TREE SPECIES PAGE

Under-wire trees

Syringa Ivory Silk - Japanese Tree Lilac

Amelanchier Single Stem – Serviceberry, Juneberry

Cladastris - Yellowwood

Acer buergerianum - Trident Maple

Maackia amurensis -Amur Maackia

Large Street Trees/No Wires

Nyssa Sylvatica – Black Tupelo

Quercus acutissima - Saw Tooth Oak

Quercus bicolor - Swamp White Oak

Acer saccharum Marsh - Sugar Maple/Rock Maple

Acer rubrum – Red Maple

APPLICATION



Village of Ridgewood ADOPT-A-TREE APPLICATION

Request By	
Address of Property	
Mailing Address (if Different)	
Telephone	
Cell Phone	
Email	
Tree Planting Requested	Underwires _____ Village to select Tree _____ OR Homeowner to select Tree _____
FEE \$ 350	When approved, check made payable to: Village of Ridgewood: Shade Tree Department

APPLICANT STATEMENT

1. I am the adjacent property owner
2. I am requesting to have a tree planted in the median* adjacent to my property
3. I understand that I will be able to have tree planted only if there is an appropriate space within the median to plant.
4. I understand that the fee covers one tree and planting
5. I understand that maintenance (**water, weed, mulch**) costs will be borne by the property owner
6. In the sixth year I agree to shape prune the tree
7. I agree to water the tree after planting once a day for a week, once a week for a month and once a month for a year.
8. I understand this does not obligate me to bear future end of life costs of maintenance or removal.

* Median = Village Right of Way

Resident: _____

DATE: _____

Please submit completed application by email to parks.shadetree@ridgewoodnj.net or by postal mail to Ridgewood Parks and Recreation, 259 N. Maple Avenue, Ridgewood, NJ 07450.