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## Residential Street Tree Planting Regulations Tree Reimbursement Program

In an effort to encourage property owners to purchase and plant approved trees in the public right-of-way on Village streets, the Village of Whitehouse has adopted a Tree Reimbursement Program.

To be made eligible, the following conditions must be met:

1. Applicant must be the property owner within the corporate limits of the Village of Whitehouse. Land developments/subdivision developments are also required to adhere to these guidelines but are **not** eligible for this program.
2. All residents must possess a valid permit prior to planting trees on public property.
3. The species of tree chosen must conform to the 2015 Tree Planting Master Plan, on file at the Whitehouse Municipal Building, Department of Public Service (419) 877-5383.
4. Trees must be single stemmed (one central leader) with a minimum diameter of 1.5 inches at 48 inches above ground level, a minimum of 6' in height, and on the most current Suggested Street Tree list provided by the Whitehouse Tree Commission.
5. Curbs and sidewalks must be installed prior to street tree planting. Distance between curb and sidewalk must be at least 4 feet.
6. Whitehouse placement requirements:
  - Trees shall be planted in the center of the planting strip, halfway between the sidewalks and curb. Minimum width tree lawns are required. (small-4 feet, medium-6 feet, large- 8 feet)

Trees may not be planted closer than:

- 35 feet from a utility or street light pole.
- 10 feet from a fire hydrant.
- 35 feet from the intersection of sidewalks at a street intersection.

- 15 feet to a driveway or alley.
  - From another tree – 30 feet small/40 feet medium/50 feet large.
  - 5 feet from a buried utility service lateral.
  - Within 25 feet of overhead power lines.
7. Do not plant over an existing tree stump.
  8. The property owner has the responsibility to locate underground utilities by calling 811, prior to planting.
  9. Trees planted in violation are subject to removal by the Village of Whitehouse at the property owners expense.
  10. After 24 months from the date of planting, up to \$50.00 per tree may be reimbursed to the property owner for every surviving tree up to a maximum of 5 trees per year. At the conclusion of the 24 month period, the property owner must contact the Village of Whitehouse to initiate the reimbursement process within 60 days. The Village will inspect all trees being requested for reimbursement to assess their health. If the tree is dormant at the time of request, the Village reserves the right to extend the time period to a time of suitable growth. Requests in excess of the time period will not be considered for reimbursement.



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## Village of Whitehouse Street Tree Planting Application

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, being the lawful owner of the property located at \_\_\_\_\_, Whitehouse, Ohio, hereby makes application to plant \_\_\_\_\_ tree(s) in the tree lawn between the sidewalk and the curb abutting the above described property in accordance with the Village of Whitehouse regulations governing the planting of street trees.

The property owner must contact the Whitehouse Department of Public Service at 419-877-5383 to determine the species of tree designated for that address in the 2015 Tree Planting Master Plan. All newly planted trees shall have a minimum trunk diameter of one and one half (1.5) inches at forty-eight (48) inches above the ground level and at least six (6') feet in height. All trees planted in the tree lawn become the property of the Village of Whitehouse and thus can only be pruned thereafter by Whitehouse employees.

Specify species of tree(s) to be planted: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Completed applications should be returned to Village of Whitehouse, Department of Public Service, PO Box 2476, 6925 Providence St., Whitehouse, OH 43571.

Property owners are eligible for reimbursement up to \$50.00 per tree planted if:

- The applicant is the property owner.
- Tree(s) are planted in conformance to Whitehouse regulations.
- Tree(s) planted are alive and healthy twenty-four (24) months after planting.
- Tree(s) were **not** planted as part of a civic organization function or as part of a Whitehouse tree planting program.