

## **Village of Whitehouse Residential Street Tree Planting Program Regulations**

The Village of Whitehouse, in an effort to encourage property owners to purchase and plant approved trees at their residence in the public right-of-way along Village streets, 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. Trees must be single stemmed (one central leader) with a minimum diameter of 1 ½ 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.
4. Curbs and sidewalks must be installed prior to street tree planting. Distance between curb and sidewalk must be at least 4 feet. (Refer to a suggested street tree list.)
5. Village of Whitehouse placement requirements:
  - Trees shall be planted in the center of the planting strip, halfway between the sidewalks and curbing. 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.
6. Do not plant over an existing tree stump.
  7. The property owner has the responsibility to locate underground utilities by calling 811.
  8. Tree(s) planted in violation are subject to removal by the Village of Whitehouse at the property owners expense.
  9. 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 five (5) trees (per year). At the conclusion of the twenty four month period, the property owner must contact the Village of Whitehouse to initiate the reimbursement process within sixty (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.