

# Street Tree Replacement Subsidy Application

Please mail the completed and signed subsidy application along with invoice(s) and photos to:

City of Coral Springs  
 Attn: Tree Subsidy Program  
 9530 W. Sample Road  
 Coral Springs, FL 33065

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of required street trees planted that are eligible for this subsidy: \_\_\_\_\_

Date tree(s) were planted: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Species</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Amt. (see prev. page)</u>	<u>Date Planted</u>
1. _____	_____	\$ _____	_____
2. _____	_____	\$ _____	_____
3. _____	_____	\$ _____	_____

TOTAL : \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** By signing this Application, the undersigned has reviewed and agrees to the following items:

1. I have read this Subsidy pamphlet in its entirety and agree to be bound by the requirements and regulations imposed.
2. I understand and agree that any reimbursement is subject to City inspection and confirmation that the tree has been properly installed by a licensed landscaper, is a Florida Grade #1 or better and is from the approved species list. I understand that if any of these items have not been met, then I will not receive partial reimbursement for the tree.
3. I understand that this subsidy is a partial reimbursement and not intended to cover the total cost of the tree planting. The actual cost will vary but may be more than twice the amount of the subsidy.
4. I have read and agree to and understand that this partial reimbursement applies only to trees planted in the public rights-of-way on public streets.
5. I am the owner of the above referenced property.

For additional information please refer to the accompanying "Tree Ownership Guide" or call (954) 344-1154.

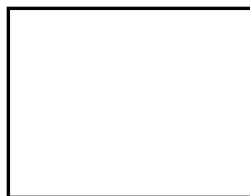
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Homeowner signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Inspected

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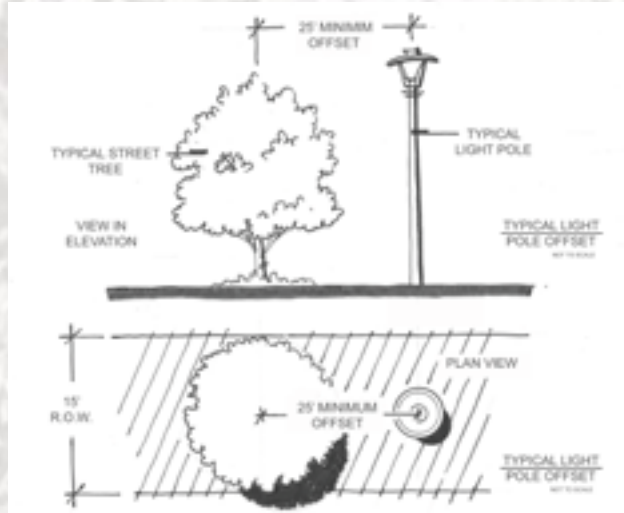
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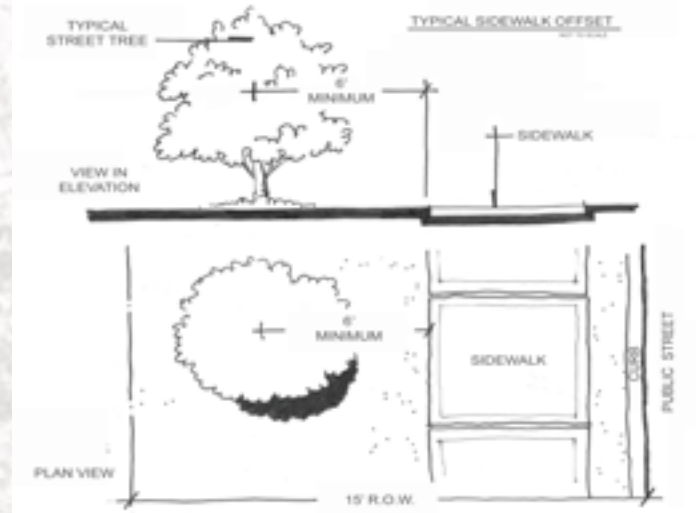
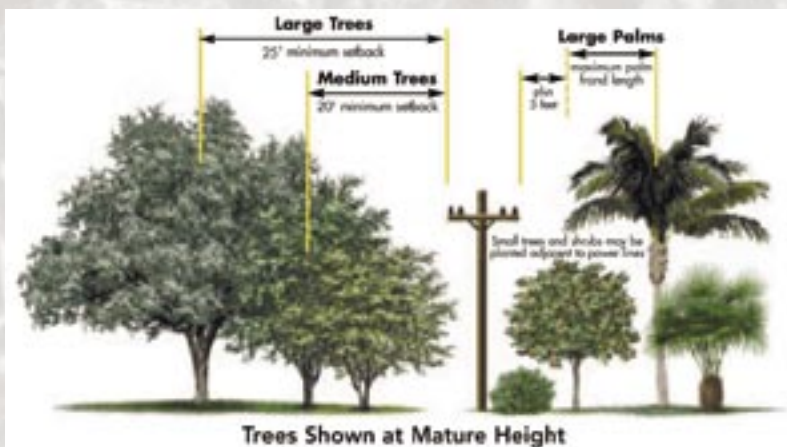
**Common causes of restricted planting space:**



**Lightpole Diagram**

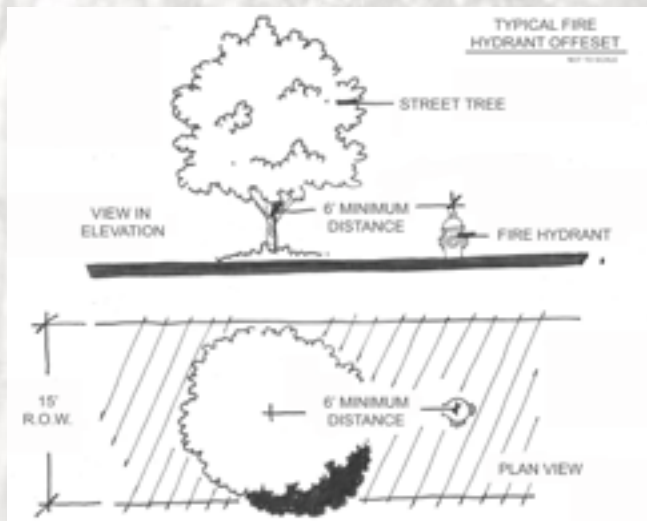
The City of Coral Springs requires that large shade trees are to be planted a minimum of 25' from any light pole. This requirement is in place for several reasons, including: safety, natural growth of the tree and ease of maintenance. As the tree canopy expands, the amount of penetrating light (artificial or natural) decreases. When light levels are limited, the security of that area also decreases. In turn, the tree should be allowed to grow unimpeded from any fixed features. Lastly, maintenance of these structures is necessary from time to time. If a light pole is completely enveloped by a tree, the time and cost of repairing the light pole are increased and the tree may be damaged as well.

**Power Lines**



**Sidewalk Offset**

It is important to plant trees a minimum of 6' from any sidewalk. If this rule of thumb is implemented, conflicts such as uplifting of the sidewalk due to root intrusion can be minimized. In addition, the 6' of clear zone will allow the tree to develop a uniform root system, which ultimately leads to a stronger, healthier tree.



**Fire Hydrant Diagram**

All trees should be planted a minimum of 6' from any fire hydrant in order to avoid underground conflicts between growing tree roots and the subsurface water service lines. This 6' radius is measured from the center of the fire hydrant in any direction. This clear zone also provides firefighters unimpeded access to the hydrant.

Images courtesy of Florida Dept. of Agriculture & Consumer Services, Division of Plant Industry. [www.doacs.state.fl](http://www.doacs.state.fl)



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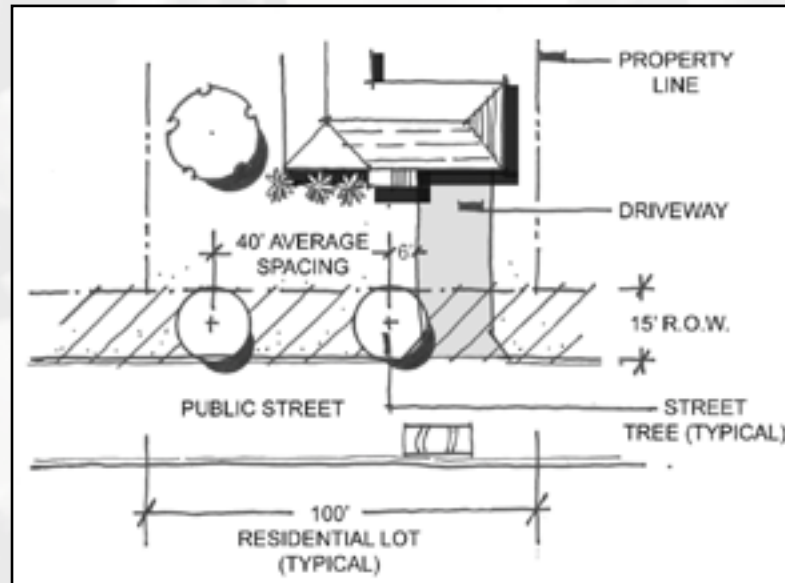


# Coral Springs Street Tree Subsidy Program

As a result of the numerous hurricanes and storms that hit Coral Springs in 2004 and 2005, and especially as a result of Hurricane Wilma, the tree canopy coverage throughout the City has been reduced by about one third. This is a dramatic reduction that will affect all of us for years to come. Many of the benefits trees provide have been lost as a result of the storms, such as increased property value, reduction of solar heating of paved and surrounding areas, removal of air pollutants, production of oxygen, interception of rain water reducing threat of flooding and even traffic calming. For these reasons, the City Commission has approved a program that will allow the City to offer a partial reimbursement for residents who replant Code-required street trees in the public rights-of-way. State statutes prohibit the City from reimbursing privately maintained roads, such as those in gated communities. Remember, these trees may be required by the City of Coral Springs landscaping code and failing to replace them can lead to Code Enforcement action, including fines against the property owner. The following is a description of the subsidy program outlining who and what is eligible for reimbursement, as well as restrictions that may apply.

## What are street trees and what are their purposes?

Street trees are specific shade trees that are located within the public rights-of-way at an average interval of every 40 feet. The public rights-of-way are areas that usually extend approximately 15 feet from the edge of the road pavement (see diagram). Palm trees do not qualify as street trees! Aside from all the benefits listed above, street trees have one particular function that is worth highlighting. Street trees shade the asphalt on the roads, thereby reducing the amount of heat that is reflected from the pavement back to the surroundings. This is beneficial to individual homes, as well as the community, because it reduces the "heat island" effect, which in turn reduces the amount of energy needed to cool adjacent homes.



## Who is eligible?

Any single family or duplex homeowner that lives along a public road with public rights-of-way. Residents living in private communities have private streets, and are thus not eligible for this program.

## How long will this program go on?

This program is scheduled to continue until the end of 2006. At that time the success of the program will be evaluated to determine if it should be extended or not. During this time, Code Enforcement will not be issuing citations for missing street trees. This time frame gives residents the opportunity to plant now, wait for the rainy season before planting or until some species become more available.

## How do I get reimbursed?

Wait at least 30 days after the tree has been planted before submitting the following:

- ☛ The completed and signed "Street Tree Replacement Subsidy Application" included in this mailer
- ☛ A copy of your invoice from a licensed landscape professional
- ☛ Two photos of the tree (one showing the location of the tree along the road, the other showing the entire planted tree)

## FACT:

Street trees can improve traffic safety by calming traffic on narrower streets and turnarounds. A treeless street enhances the perception of a street being wide and free of hazard, and vehicular speeding increases. They also serve as a buffer between moving vehicles and pedestrians or structures.

## What tree species are eligible?

Eligible species of shade trees to be planted in areas with a minimum 60 sq. ft. of adequate planting space (for example 6 ft. x 10 ft.) are:

Live Oak, Gumbo Limbo, False Tamarind, Indian Tamarind, and the Bridalveil Tree.

☛ The subsidy amount for these trees is dependent on the size of the tree at planting:

12 ft. or more	=	\$200.00
10 – 12 ft.	=	\$170.00
8 – 10 ft.	=	\$135.00

The following medium growth species are eligible ONLY for areas with a restricted planting space less than 60 sq. ft.:

Dahoon Holly, Silver Buttonwood, Black Ironwood, Willow Busic, and the Horseflesh Mahogany.

☛ The subsidy amount for these trees is dependent on the size of the tree at planting:

12 ft. or more	=	\$160.00
10 – 12 ft.	=	\$130.00
8 – 10 ft.	=	\$105.00

**Refer to the back of this mailer, or the Homeowner's Tree Ownership and Care Guide for more details on restricted growing space.**

## What are the other eligibility requirements?

- ☛ Code-required street trees must be replaced by species on the above list in order to be eligible.
- ☛ Be sure to hire a reputable, licensed and insured landscape professional.
- ☛ Make sure the quality of the tree (Florida Grade #1 or better) is guaranteed in writing.
- ☛ Make sure the plant material and installation comes with a warranty.

## What if I planted a qualifying replacement tree after Wilma, but before this program started?

You are eligible to receive a subsidy for these trees. Submit the application and documents in the same manner as you would for a newly planted tree.

## How should I care for the tree in the first 30 days?

It is important to keep the soil around the base of your tree moist, but not saturated. Excessive watering will lead to health problems, such as yellowing of the leaves or defoliation of the tree. You can use the guide below as a reference for the watering of your tree.

## Water Requirements For Establishment:

- ☛ Daily for 1 month
- ☛ Every other day for 3 months
- ☛ After 3 months, as needed

Please keep in mind that this watering schedule is a general rule of thumb. Your tree may need more or less water depending on a number of factors including: soil conditions, soil permeation and temperature. See the Homeowner's Tree Ownership and Care Guide for specific care of certain tree types.

## FACT:

Homeowners that properly place trees in their landscape can realize savings up to 58% on daytime air conditioning. If applied nationwide to buildings not now benefiting from trees, the shade could reduce our nation's consumption of oil by 500,000 barrels of oil per day. – American Forests, "The Case For Greener Cities," Autumn 1999.