

Missouri Department of Conservation

The Missouri Department of Conservation offers several funding mechanisms to assist communities and schools in tree planting efforts. In addition to the following programs, the Department also provides technical assistance and planning services. For more information on these programs and other services offered by the Department, contact the Missouri Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0180, (573) 751-4115, or visit the Missouri Department of Conservation on the web at: <http://mdc.mo.gov/>

Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance (T.R.I.M.)

T.R.I.M. is a cost share program administered by the Missouri Department of Conservation. The purpose of T.R.I.M. is to provide financial assistance to entities with lands in public ownership or open to the public, to improve the urban and community forest. For more information, contact your local MDC Community Forester or Community Forestry State Coordinator at (573) 751-4115.

Arbor Day Foundation

Tree City USA

Preference is sometimes given to Tree City USA communities over other communities when allocations of grant money are made for trees or forestry programs. To receive information on how to become a Tree City USA designated community, contact Tree City USA at (888) 448-7337 or visit www.arborday.org.

Forest ReLeaf of Missouri

Forest ReLeaf is a not-for-profit initiative working with public forestry systems to reverse the decline of community forests. ReLeaf's constituent groups are cities, schools, churches, neighborhood, community and civic organizations and individuals conducting public tree planting projects.

ReLeaf offers educational and funding programs for community tree planting projects and in conjunction with other state and federal agencies. For more information on the programs and outreach services of Forest ReLeaf, call (314) 533-LEAF or visit them on the web at: moreleaf.org.

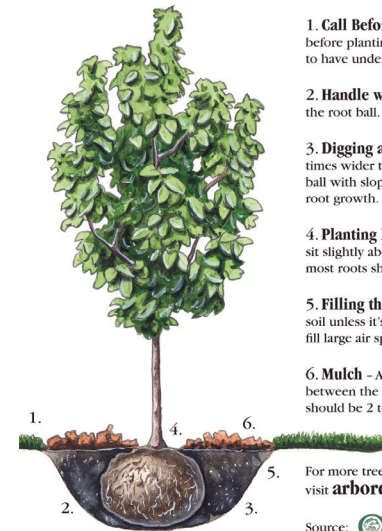
Safe Planting Tips

Be Safe. Look Up!

Contact your electric cooperative to best determine where to safely plant your trees. Be sure to have underground utilities located and marked before you dig by contacting the Missouri One Call System at 1(800) DIG-RITE or visit www.mocall.com.

Tree Planting Diagram

Six things you should know when planting a tree.



1. **Call Before You Dig** - Several days before planting, call the national 811 hotline to have underground utilities located.

2. **Handle with Care** - Always lift tree by the root ball. Keep roots moist until planting.

3. **Digging a Proper Hole** - Dig 2 to 5 times wider than the diameter of the root ball with sloping sides to allow for proper root growth.

4. **Planting Depth** - The trunk flare should sit slightly above ground level and the top-most roots should be buried 1 to 2 inches.

5. **Filling the Hole** - Backfill with native soil unless it's all clay. Tamp in soil gently to fill large air spaces.

6. **Mulch** - Allow 1 to 2 inch clearance between the trunk and the mulch. Mulch should be 2 to 3 inches deep.

For more tree-planting tips and information, visit arborday.org.

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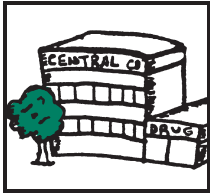
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Branching Out to Communities

It is amazing what trees do for a community. They can turn a piece of land into a park or an outdoor classroom. They can make a beautiful first impression when a visitor drives into town. A few well-placed trees can add shade and beauty to schools, courthouses, and other public areas.

Central Electric's Green Tree Partnership is designed to assist communities in the planting of trees. We recognize the impact that trees have upon the quality of life. That is why we are providing a qualified community up to \$500 for the purchase and planting of trees. Possible projects include trees planted along roads, in parks, courthouse yards, school grounds and historic sites.

We will also cooperate with other state agencies which provide funding for trees. If your community has applied for and received funds from other tree planting programs, Green Tree Partnership can provide up to half of the local matching funds, not to exceed \$500. These programs include but are not limited to those described on the back of this brochure.

Guidelines:

Who can apply:

- Local units of government
- Community and economic development departments
- Park departments
- Public schools
- Not-for-profit organizations such as historic, downtown and neighborhood associations

Projects which show a significant impact on the community will be given a higher priority.

A tree planting plan must be submitted with your application. This plan can be the same one submitted to other tree planting programs. Be sure that planted trees are clear of utility lines. Include a map or drawing showing planting locations, what type of tree is to be planted and location of utility lines. Payment will be made upon approval of the planting project by an authorized person as designated by Central Electric.



Central Electric and our member cooperatives are proud to be partners in beautifying communities through the planting of trees. Fill out the application form and submit it along with your tree planting plan. Applications are received and qualifying projects are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis while funding is available. Approved projects must be completed by December 31 of the calendar year in which the grant is awarded.

Green Tree Partnership Application

Community: _____

Name of Organization Applying: _____

Project Coordinator: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

Short description of tree planting project: _____

Location of project: _____

Number of trees to be planted for this project: _____

Cost Summary: Local Participation: \$ _____

Other Grant Funding: \$ _____

Central Electric's Grant Share: \$ _____

Total Cost of Proposed Project \$ _____

Round 1 grant applications due by May 1.

Round 2 grant applications due by September 1.

All approved projects must be completed by December 31.

Green Tree Partnership is coordinated by Central Electric Power Cooperative

Submit to Central Electric Power Cooperative
P.O. Box 269, Jefferson City, MO 65102