

# CITY OF GRAPEVINE TREE SHARE PROGRAM

## Frequently Asked Questions

Planting Contractor: The City of Grapevine has contracted with Perfect Finish Landscaping to coordinate tree selection, utility marking scheduling, planting, and planting-related tree care for the Tree Share Program. Perfect Finish Landscaping is led by Marco Crosland, ISA Board Certified Master Arborist® TX-4790B and Oak Wilt Qualified (TOWQ 559).

### The Program

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#### How does the Tree Share Program work?

The City of Grapevine and the homeowner share the cost of the tree. You pay 50 percent of the cost. Your share is \$175.00 for a 30-gallon tree. You can buy up to 2 trees for your household. The price includes the tree, the planting, the mulch, and a one-time replacement guarantee for 6 months.

#### How do I buy a tree?

Visit [GoGrapevine.com/TreeSharing](http://GoGrapevine.com/TreeSharing) to purchase your tree. Once the City program has at least 20 people signed up for a tree purchase, the city will contact Perfect Finish. You must buy the tree before the end of December.

#### How big is my tree?

The tree comes in a 30-gallon container. The tree is 6 to 8 feet tall. The height depends on the species. All species grow locally. All species grow well in Grapevine soil and climate.

#### Does the City plant the tree?

No. The City of Grapevine partners with Perfect Finish Landscaping to provide tree selection and planting services for the Tree Share Program. Planting is performed under the direction of an ISA Board Certified Master Arborist and follows ISA Best Management Practices.

#### Where can the tree be planted?

To qualify for the tree planting program, trees must be planted in a location that is clearly visible from a public roadway and cannot be obstructed by fences, structures, or other barriers.

#### When will my tree be planted?

Once the minimum program order has been reached, the City will release the group of tree orders to Perfect Finish Landscaping. Approximately two weeks after the orders are released, Perfect Finish Landscaping will contact participating homeowners regarding the next steps and planting schedule.

### Before We Arrive

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#### Where do I get the stake for my tree location?

Get the marker stake at 501 Shady Brook Drive, Grapevine. The stake is outside the public entrance. Use the stake to mark the tree location only. Do not use the stake to support the tree.

#### Who calls Texas811?

Perfect Finish calls Texas811 for you. Texas811 responds within 2 business days in most cases. Texas811 marks public utility lines: telephone, cable, gas, and electric lines. Locators do not enter your yard if a dog is outside. Keep your dogs inside.

#### Who must identify irrigation lines?

You must identify irrigation lines. Texas811 marks public utility lines only. Texas811 does not mark private lines on your property. Before we plant, flag your irrigation mainlines, lateral lines, valve boxes and heads, landscape lighting wire, invisible pet fence, and gas or water lines.

#### What do I do after the utilities are marked?

Once utility markings are complete, place your marker stake in the location where you would like your tree planted. Then contact Perfect Finish Landscaping to confirm that the utility markings and tree location are ready. Planting cannot take place until these steps have been completed.

#### Must I stay home during planting?

No, you do not need to stay home on the planting day. Secure your dogs. Put your marker stake in place.

**Can Perfect Finish move my tree from the staked location?**

The planting location may need to be adjusted if the selected location conflicts with a marked utility, required clearance, or another condition that could affect the health or safety of the tree. If an adjustment is necessary, Perfect Finish Landscaping will contact you before planting to discuss an alternate location.

## **Where the Tree Can Go**

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**How close to my house can I plant the tree?**

Plan for the full-grown size of the tree, not its current size. Small trees need at least 15 feet of clearance from a structure. Large trees need 25 to 30 feet of clearance. The full-grown tree must clear eaves, gutters, windows, and walkways. These larger single-trunk trees include Bur Oak, Live Oak, Chinkapin Oak, Shumard Red Oak, and Cedar Elm.

**What about power lines?**

We do not plant trees under overhead power lines. Large species need at least 30 feet of clearance from an overhead line. Small species need at least 15 feet of clearance. A higher line can increase this distance. We do not plant trees over buried utility lines.

**How far apart must the trees be?**

Plant the trees at least 30 feet apart. Trees planted too close together compete for water and root space. Neither tree develops properly in this condition.

**Can I plant the new tree in the same spot as a removed tree?**

No, plant the new tree at least 5 feet from the old stump. The old root mass is still decaying below ground. This causes the soil to settle unevenly, ties up nitrogen, and can host decay fungi.

**Does this program remove old trees or stumps?**

No, tree removal and stump removal are not part of this program.

**Does the program include grading or new soil before planting?**

No, grading and new soil are not part of this program. We plant the tree so the root flare sits at or above the finished grade. The root flare is the point where the trunk widens into the roots. Soil over the root flare is a common cause of decline in young trees.

## **After Planting**

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**Do you provide mulch?**

Perfect Finish will install mulch around the tree at planting time. The mulch layer is 3 inches deep over the root ball area. Perfect Finish pulls the mulch 3 to 6 inches back from the trunk. This keeps the root flare exposed. Keep the mulch ring in place. Refresh the mulch each year. Do not pile mulch against the trunk.

**Do you stake the tree?**

Perfect Finish will stake the tree only when necessary. ISA Best Management Practices require stakes only under these conditions: a loose root ball, high wind, sloped ground, or heavy foot traffic. A tree that can move naturally develops a stronger trunk and better root anchorage. If we stake your tree, remove the stakes within one growing season. Stakes left on too long can girdle the trunk.

**How do I care for my new tree?**

Read the Perfect Finish Planting Procedures and Tree Care Guide that comes with your tree. Correct watering is the main factor in a new tree's survival. Watering is also the one factor you control.

**Must I fertilize the tree?**

Do not apply fertilizer during the first year. Fertilizer salts in the root zone can harm the tree during this period. Fertilizer applied during the guarantee period voids the guarantee.

**Can I plant flowers or build a bed around the tree?**

Do not plant annual flowers around the tree. Do not install a raised planter around the tree. Do not add soil around the trunk. Digging in the root zone cuts the new roots. Built-up soil over the root flare can slowly kill the tree. Never build up soil over the root flare, at any time.

**My tree lost leaves or looks stressed after planting. Is this a problem?**

Some transplant stress is normal, particularly during the first growing season. Consistent and proper watering is important while your tree becomes established. If you have concerns about the condition of your tree, contact Perfect Finish Landscaping for assistance.

**Is there a guarantee?**

The program includes a one-time replacement guarantee for 6 months. The guarantee applies only if you follow the procedures and care for the tree as instructed. The guarantee does not apply if you fertilized, buried, moved, or damaged the tree. See the Planting Procedures and Tree Care Guide for full conditions.

## Species Offered

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The City of Grapevine sets the species list each year. All species grow locally and grow well in Grapevine. The list below shows the species from the most recent program year. Confirm the current year's species list with the City before you buy a tree.

| Large / Single-Trunk Trees                     | Small or Multi-Trunk Trees                          |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Bur Oak ( <i>Quercus macrocarpa</i> )          | Desert Willow ( <i>Chilopsis linearis</i> )         |
| Cedar Elm ( <i>Ulmus crassifolia</i> )         | Lilac Chaste Tree ( <i>Vitex agnus-castus</i> )     |
| Chinkapin Oak ( <i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i> ) | Little Gem Magnolia ( <i>Magnolia grandiflora</i> ) |
| Live Oak ( <i>Quercus virginiana</i> )         | Possumhaw Holly ( <i>Ilex decidua</i> )             |
| Shumard Red Oak ( <i>Quercus shumardii</i> )   | Yaupon Holly ( <i>Ilex vomitoria</i> )              |

## Questions

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For questions regarding **program registration, purchases, program dates, or available tree species**, please contact the City of Grapevine Parks and Recreation Department.

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For questions regarding **tree planting, planting schedules, utility marking, tree placement, or tree care**, please contact Perfect Finish Landscaping.

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