



2011 NeighborWoods Guidelines

NeighborWoods is a national effort to re-tree entire communities through partnerships to plant and tend trees in urban areas. By partnering with the citizens of Denton, Keep Denton Beautiful hopes to rejuvenate, enhance, and sustain our community forest. Through this program, KDB provide free trees, mulch, and supplies to neighborhoods, schools, and places of worship.

NeighborWoods Projects Planning Guidelines – please read before applying for NeighborWoods trees

Preplanning

- Take a walk around your neighborhood with other neighbors or by yourself and identify tree-needy areas. Talk with neighbors about potential planting locations and look for areas that are “hotspots” and need some shade.
- Your tree planting location must be within the Denton city limits. Plan to plant at least 20 trees during your project.
- Trees can be planted in front yards, along streets in the right-of-way, in front of businesses, at parks, schools, housing complexes and churches. NeighborWoods trees **cannot** be planted in backyards.

Reach out to the neighborhood/area

- Visit your neighbors and spread the word about your project idea.
- Attend your neighborhood association meeting and share your planting idea.
- Form a group of neighbors to help you plan and implement your project.
- Distribute a flyer or email asking neighbors to plant and care for trees in their front yards.
- Solicit participation from local businesses, schools, organizations or other community groups.

Plan for future care of trees

- Be sure to have a plan in mind for how trees will be watered and cared for after they are planted.
- We have a new requirement called "Summer Growth Support." Its purpose is to provide your fellow neighbors with some helpful hints and reminders about taking care of their new trees. Each neighborhood must designate one person or a team of people to distribute door hangers, supplied by KDB, during the summer. Door hangers will provide homeowners and other tree recipients with maintenance reminders and tips for keeping trees healthy. NeighborWoods participants may also opt to sign up for periodic reminder emails to keep them on track with their new trees.

Project Logistics

- Participating neighborhoods are expected to provide volunteers to help plant. Recruit your neighbors to come help on the day of the project. If a homeowner is unable to plant, they can help in other ways, such as bringing snacks and beverages to the planting.
- Create a plan for how to water and mulch trees.
- The NeighborWoods program is a partnership. Keep Denton Beautiful will provide trees, consulting, tools (shovels and gloves), mulch, and technical assistance. Neighborhoods are expected to provide restroom access and refreshments for volunteers.

Please complete the application and return to:

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If you have any questions about the application or NeighborWoods program, please contact Mendie Schmidt at (940)349-8738.

APPLICATION DUE MAY 23, 2011 AT 5 P.M.



2011 NeighborWoods Application

Applicant Information

Organization/Neighborhood Name: _____

Contact Name/Title: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Street Address: _____

Email: _____

Alternate Contact Name/Title: _____

Alternate Contact Phone Number: _____

Application Date: _____

If you are part of a formal organization, briefly describe your organization's mission or vision:

Why does your group or neighborhood want these trees?

List the name(s) of at least one other person willing to help you plan the tree planting.

Priority is given to neighborhoods that are “tree needy,” frequented by pedestrians, or are low to moderate income as determined by HUD. Does your area fit any of these criteria? If so, please provide backup information.

Tree Planting

Location of tree planting (addresses if possible or approximate blocks):

Estimated number of trees to be planted (minimum 20 trees):

Desired planting location (school, front yards, open areas, etc.):

How will you encourage volunteers from your neighborhood to commit to participating in the tree planting?

Will you need additional volunteers on the day of the planting? If so, how many do you anticipate needing? Will your group be able to provide refreshments and bathroom facilities?

Is at least one member of your group willing to attend a free Community Forestry Class prior to the planting event?

Maintenance

Please describe in detail your plan to keep the trees watered during (at least) the first two growing seasons (from spring until the ground freezes in winter):

How will water be accessed for your project?

Who will specifically be responsible for carrying out this maintenance?