

# City of Austin Free Tree Program

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TreeFolks' is a City of Austin-funded nonprofit dedicated to empowering Central Texans to build stronger communities through planting and caring for trees. The TreeFolks' mission involves engaging the community via:

- **Community Building:** TreeFolks' engages thousands of volunteers and community groups to plant trees in public parks, preserves, and schoolyards.
- **Reforestation:** TreeFolks' works to restore forests after natural disasters such as the forest fires of 2011 in Bastrop County, the devastating Blanco River floods of 2015, and now in the floodplains of Travis County.
- **Growing the Urban Forest:** TreeFolks' partners with the City of Austin to give trees to qualifying Austinites in the urban core through tree giveaways and consulting.

## TREE ADOPTION

TreeFolks' Neighborwoods Program offers 5,000 free 5-gallon trees for Austinites to adopt starting in October and continuing through March. All adoption events are open to the public and no registration is needed. In-person events are the fastest way to get a free tree. Tree availability and selection is on a first-come first-served basis.



Scan the QR Code or [click here](#) for upcoming Tree Adoption events and resources!

## QUALIFICATIONS

- Applications are open to residents, small businesses, and community spaces who are either located in the City of Austin's Full Purpose Jurisdiction, Austin Energy electricity customers, or both!
- Since tree care is a long-term commitment, applicants must commit to nurturing the tree, especially through regular watering for at least the first two years of establishment.
- Applicants must have enough space for the tree to grow and flourish. TreeFolks' follow the "Right Tree, Right Place" principle.

## VOLUNTEER

TreeFolks' Community Tree Planting program coordinates with local community partners to provide volunteer opportunities to plant and care for trees on public lands that include City of Austin Parks, Travis County Parks, Austin Independent School District property, and more!



Scan the QR Code or [click here](#) to Visit TreeFolks' volunteer website