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Make Father's Day every day! Get him some trees so he can relax in the shade!

Nothing says, "Dad. We think you are the best!" like creating a space with an option for tying up a hammock, or a place where he can sit in his favorite outdoor chair out of the sun and RELAX. That's why GH Daniels and the Landscape Center want to talk with you about the benefits of planting trees around your home.

Benefits of Trees. Most trees and shrubs in our communities are planted to provide beauty or shade. These are two excellent reasons for their use. Woody plants also serve many other purposes, and it often is helpful to consider these other functions when selecting a tree or shrub for the landscape.

Social Benefits. We like trees around us because they make life more pleasant. Most of us respond to the presence of trees beyond simply observing their beauty. We feel serene, peaceful, restful, and tranquil in a grove of trees. We are "at home" there. Hospital patients have been shown to recover from surgery more quickly when their hospital room offered a view of trees. The stature, strength, and endurance of trees give them a cathedral-like quality. Because of their potential for long life, trees frequently are planted as living memorials. We often become personally attached to trees that we or those we love have planted.

Communal Benefits. Even though trees may be private property, their size often makes them part of the community as well. Because trees occupy considerable space, planning is required if both you and your neighbors are to benefit. With proper selection and maintenance, trees can enhance and function on one property without infringing on the rights and privileges of neighbors. Street trees often serve several architectural and engineering functions. They provide privacy, emphasize views, or screen out objectionable views. They reduce glare and reflection. They direct pedestrian traffic. They provide background to and soften, complement, or enhance architecture.

Environmental Benefits. Trees alter the environment in which we live by moderating climate, improving air quality, conserving water, and harboring wildlife. Climate control is obtained by moderating the effects of sun, wind, and rain. Radiant energy from the sun is absorbed or deflected by leaves on deciduous trees in the summer and is only filtered by branches of deciduous trees in winter. We are cooler when we stand in the shade of trees and are not exposed to direct sunlight. In winter, we value the sun's radiant energy. Therefore, we should plant only small or deciduous trees on the south side of homes.



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Featured Tree

Canada Red Chokecherry, *Prunus virginiana* 'Canada Red'

This small ornamental is a good choice for lawns, & planting beds. A single stem tree is 25' tall by 25' wide at maturity.

Hardiness: Zone 2 to 6. Perfect!

Soil: Prefers well-drained soil types.

Also prefers full-sun. Is drought-tolerant.

Leaves: Emerging leaves are bright green that turn into a deep maroon color as they mature.

Flowers: Appear as a long descending stalk in the spring just as the leaves are emerging. They are white to pale yellow & very aromatic.

Fruit: Round & dark purple at maturity. This fruit is wildlife friendly, edible, & can be made into jellies, jams or for baking.



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The Container Garden

Gardening in containers can be just as rewarding as having a full size garden. Many perennials and grasses grow in pots just as well as they do in the ground, but there are a few things to consider. The first is to consider the plants. If you are planting more than one plant in the same pot, be sure that all your plants meet the same requirements like the amount of light, and water and fertilizer. Also be sure that the size of the container matches the size of your plant. Other things to consider when planning your container garden are the height, color, and texture of the plants. The most important thing is to be creative with your container gardens. There really is no limit to what can be done in a container, only the limits of your imagination!

Consider the following guidelines when choosing your container.

- Avoid containers with narrow openings.
- Cheap plastic pots may deteriorate in UV sunlight and terracotta pots can dry out rapidly. Glazed ceramic pots are excellent choices.
- Use containers between 15 and 120 quarts capacity. Small pots restrict the root area and dry out very quickly. The size and number of plants to be grown will determine the size of the container used. Deep rooted vegetables require deep pots.
- Make sure your pot has adequate drainage. Holes should be 1/2 inch across. Line the base of the pot with newspaper to

- prevent soil loss.
- In hot climates use light-colored containers to lessen heat absorption and discourage uneven root growth.
- Line hanging baskets with sphagnum moss for water retention. Keep baskets away from afternoon sun.
- If you choose clay pots, remember that clay is porous and water is lost from the sides of the container. Plants in clay pots should be monitored closely for loss of moisture.
- Make sure your planting medium drains rapidly but retains enough moisture to keep the roots evenly moist. Your compost will make an excellent potting soil. Check the requirements of the plants you grow to determine whether you will need to add sand. Most container gardeners have found that a "soil-less" potting mix works best. In addition to draining quickly, "soil-less" mixes are lightweight and free from soil-borne diseases and weed seeds. These mixes can be purchased from garden centers, like The Landscape Center!



Coverage Rate for Topsoil/Compost/Bark Mulch

To determine how many cubic yards you need, determine your square feet by measuring width by length. Then decide how deep you want to go by looking at this chart. Divide your total square feet by the square footage next to the inches deep you desire.

Example: Your garden is 10'x15'. This equals 150 sq. ft. You want 4" of good topsoil (then you should till it in to at least 6".) Divide 150 by 81. So you would need 1.86 cubic yards.

1 cubic yard = 27 cubic feet

1 cubic yard covers:

12" deep	27 sq. ft.
10" deep	32.4 sq. ft.
8" deep	40.5 sq. ft.
6" deep	54 sq. ft.
4" deep	81 sq. ft.
3" deep	108 sq. ft.
2" deep	162 sq. ft.
1" deep	324 sq. ft.