



## City of Crest Hill Forestry Program Guidelines

The City of Crest Hill is proud to continue its Forestry Program, designed to promote community reforestation and enhance neighborhood beautification. Through this program, residents are invited to participate in a cost-sharing opportunity, where the City will contribute 50% toward the purchase of a new tree for eligible properties. The following guidelines outline the details and requirements of the program.

1. Applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis, regardless of applicant's ward, until allocated funds are exhausted for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.
2. The City of Crest Hill will pay up to \$162.50 (50% of the cost as provided by The Fields) toward the purchase of a tree in cooperation with the homeowner.
3. One tree will be allowed per household/address.
4. Homeowners and nonprofit groups will have the opportunity to participate in this program. If demand exceeds available funding and applications are received simultaneously, a lottery system will be used to determine priority.
5. To maximize community participation, individuals who received a tree in the previous year are not eligible for the current year.
6. Trees will be planted on property by the landscaper (The Fields). **NO** tree will be planted in the parkway. The one-year guarantee will be in effect directly between the homeowner and the landscaper.
7. The homeowner must pay their portion of the cost in advance before delivery/planting is made.
8. The City of Crest Hill is not responsible for any damage or restoration to private property resulting from the delivery or planting of the tree.
9. A variety of trees species will be offered. The list and pricing will be updated annually and included with the application materials.
10. A sketch showing the approximate placement of the tree must be submitted with the application.
11. Once the tree has been paid for, and a planting date is set, The Fields will contact JULIE and underground utilities located. **TREES CANNOT BE PLACED OVER ANY UTILITY LINES, INCLUDING WATER AND SEWER LINES.**
12. Trees shall **NOT** be planted within a 20' radius of utility structures such as manholes, hydrants, valve boxes, and light poles, subject to approval by the Director of Public Works.

If you have any questions regarding the tree program, please contact the Administrative Clerk Kim Linden at (815) 741-5108

**APPLICATIONS DUE BY SEPTEMBER 22, 2025**