

A Living Tribute

(A Program to Plant Trees in the Fort Collins Park System)

Many people may want a living reminder of departed loved ones to visit at their leisure. In this way, trees serve as growing memorials to loved ones for many generations, while they benefit the entire community.

Others may want to establish real “family trees” planted at the time of marriage or at the birth of a child.

Businesses may dedicate trees in city parks to honor outstanding employees, or to dedicate new buildings, new additions to existing plants, or new company headquarters. Some organizations may wish to donate and dedicate trees for the betterment of the community.

Our extensive park system in Fort Collins is continually being developed and trees are one of the major assets in beautifying our parks. One of the primary goals of the Fort Collins Parks and Recreation Department is to enrich the environment and improve open space and recreational facilities. Planting trees is an excellent way to help meet that goal.

Your tax-deductible gift will be used to purchase trees to be planted in the Fort Collins park system. The trees will be cared for by the City Forestry Division personnel. Contributions for one or more trees are gratefully accepted. The Forestry Division maintains a permanent record of all living tribute trees. By departmental policy, markers or plaques can not be placed by the tree.

General Requirements of a Living Tribute

1. Recommended species for planting a living tribute.
 - Green Ash
 - Burr Oak
 - Hackberry
 - Linden
 - Blue Spruce
 - Austrian Pine
2. Fee schedule: \$140 per tree. This cost provides a deciduous tree that is approximately 1 ¾" in diameter or a conifer that is 5' tall.
3. The City Forestry division will supply and plant the tree. Contributor involvement in planting or attendance is encouraged. Please indicate on the application how you or your group would like to be involved.
4. The Forestry Division needs a minimum of two weeks from receipt of your living tribute request to arrange for tree planting. Donations of several trees may take longer. Tree planting is a seasonal activity and occurs primarily in the spring, summer, and fall.
5. Most of our City parks have space for additional trees. Please indicate on the application which park that you would like to have a tree planted in. In some cases, the City Forestry staff may need to recommend an alternate park location to you.

Application for a Living Tribute Tree Planting

Please fill out this application and mail it with your check (made out to the City of Fort Collins.) City Forestry staff will contact you after we receive the application to confirm the park location species and your involvement.

Your name _____

Your address _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____

1. I would like to contribute \$_____ to help purchase and plant _____ tree(s) in our park system.
2. Please write the name of the park that you are requesting for planting.
3. Do you have a preference on what tree species from the list should be planted? If so, please indicate.
4. How would you or your group like to be involved in the tree planting? Circle as many as are appropriate.
 - Attend planting
 - Help plant the tree
 - Notified after planting
 - I would like a photograph of the tree
 - I would like a sketch of the park showing where the tree has been planted.
 - I would like to receive a donation receipt and certificate.
5. For our record, please indicate for what special purpose is this tree being planted.

Please mail with enclosed check to:
City Forestry Division (221-6361)
Attn: Tim Buchanan
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Fort Collins CO 80524