



Request form for Share Cost Parkway Tree

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Address of site:

How many trees are you interested in? _____

Where would you most like a tree planted on your parkway?

If your sewer is not in the same trench as your water line/b-box, please write a few notes regarding its location in the parkway.

Do you have an underground dog fence, irrigation system, or anything else in the parkway that we should be aware of?

Please send this request by mail to:

Village of Skokie Public Works
Attn: Forestry
9050 Gross Point Rd
Skokie, IL 60077

Or fax it to the attention of Forestry: 847-673-9389

Once we receive your request, a Village Forester will evaluate the parkway to see if you are eligible for a new tree. You will then be contacted within a week regarding the species selection process. **Please do not send cash or a check at this time.**

Thank you for your interest! If you have any questions, please call 847-933-8427.



Village of Skokie Share Cost Parkway Tree Program – FAQ'S

How does the program work?

The Village of Skokie and the property owner each pay half of the cost for a new parkway tree. The property owner also agrees to water the tree for the first two years. The current share cost portion of one new parkway tree is \$150.

Trees are planted in late spring and late fall. The trees are approximately 2.5" in caliper and 8 – 12' tall. They are planted and mulched by a contractor and guaranteed for one year. The Village assumes maintenance responsibility for the tree.

The parkway is the swath of grass located between the sidewalk and street curb. If there is no sidewalk, the tree is planted about 6' behind the street curb. We do not plant trees on private property.

How can I get a new tree?

Simply fill out the application to request an inspection of your parkway. We will mark a white "T" on the curb if you are eligible, and evaluate the cultural conditions of the site in order to recommend the best trees possible for your parkway.

We make every effort to plant a new tree whenever possible, but sometimes we cannot work around underground utilities, stop signs, sight visibility concerns, or limited spacing on the parkway.

What types of trees are available?

Our list of trees changes depending on nursery availability and by season. After our site inspection, we will send you a list of suitable trees for your parkway.

Some common shade trees include: disease resistant elms, Kentucky coffeetree, lindens, oaks, honeylocust, river birch, beech, buckeye, bald cypress, hackberry, and others.

Ornamental trees (for areas under power lines) include: Japanese tree lilacs, disease resistant crabapples and hawthornes, hedge maple, and Tatarian maple.

When should I submit my request?

In order to give us time to inspect your parkway, and to receive the best selection, we recommend that you submit your request by March 15th for spring planting and by September 15th for fall planting.

Can I plant my own tree on the parkway?

The Village Ordinance states that you need a permit from us prior to planting. We need to verify that the tree is appropriate for your parkway, free of disease or insects, and that the location will not harm utilities or create a safety problem.

It is usually easier and less expensive for you to participate in our share cost program.

