



You've GOT THE POWER!

Leave a green legacy for the kids & grandkids



Plant a #NextGenTree where you live...
watch it grow with your family and your community.

...and **YOUR TOWN**
needs you to plant a tree,
wherever you live!

More information available at sustainablesaratoga.org/NextGenTree
Need help or advice? Contact us at trees@sustainablesaratoga.org

WHY PLANT TREES?

YOU CAN FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE. Planting trees is among the easiest and most effective ways YOU can make a difference.

YOU BENEFIT FROM TREES! Reduced energy bills, higher property values, cleaner air & water, increased retail and restaurant profitability, improved health, more plentiful pollinators and songbirds.

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY's 50th (April 24, 2020) by planting a #NextGenTree. On your property. Motivate your school, congregation, company, or scout group to plant trees. Inspire your neighbors. **Join the #NextGenTree Team.**



We inherited large-growing native trees. What will be our legacy?

WHAT TREES TO PLANT?

(More details on page 2)

- Large-growing shade trees** provide far greater benefits than small ornamentals.
- Native species** give food and shelter to native birds, mammals, and pollinating insects. Say NO to invasive species.
- Think outside the box to consider uncommon natives.** A diverse forest is a resilient and healthy forest. Explore the world beyond maples. Do an internet search to learn about unfamiliar species.

BUYING YOUR TREES

(More details on page 2)

- Options?** Trees are packaged in different forms. You can buy trees—listed from smallest to largest and from least to most expensive—as seedlings, potted/container trees, bare root (least available for retail), and ball & burlap.
- Suppliers?** Check your local nursery, big box, or mail order companies to see what species and sizes they offer. Intrigued by an uncommon native tree? Place a special order early.

PLANT A #NextGenTree

RECOMMENDED TREE SPECIES - LARGE-GROWING NATIVE (and near-native)

(For many interesting species, special order early from the nursery – January through March.)

SHADE TREES – Preferred

- American **Basswood** (*Tilia americana*)
- River **Birch** (*Betula nigra*); White **Birch** (*Betula papyrifera*) – single trunk only.
- Black **Cherry** (*Prunus serotina*)
- Kentucky **Coffeetree** (*Gymnocladus dioica*) – male only
- American **Elm** (*Ulmus americana*) – disease-resistant cultivars only
- American **Sycamore** (*Platanus occidentalis*)
- **Ginkgo** (*Ginkgo biloba*) – male only
- **Hackberry** (*Celtis occidentalis*)
- Thornless **Honeylocust** (*Gleditsia triacanthos v. inermis*)
- **Maple** - Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*); Sugar Maple (*A. saccharum*); Silver Maple (*A. saccharinum*); Autumn Blaze Maple (*A. freemanii*)
- **Oak** - White Oak (*Quercus alba*); Swamp White Oak (*Q. bicolor*); Bur oak (*Q. macrocarpa*); Chestnut oak (*Q. montana*); Northern Red Oak (*Q. rubra*); Scarlet Oak (*Q. coccinea*); Pin Oak (*Q. palustris*); Chinkapin oak (*Q. muehlenbergii*)
- **Tulip** (*Liriodendron tulipifera*) – cold-hardy cultivar only
- Black **Tupelo** (*Nyssa sylvatica*) – cold-hardy cultivar only
- Black **Walnut** (*Jugla nigra*)

CONIFERS – NOT close to streets or buildings

- Red Pine (*Pinus resinosa*); Eastern White Pine (*P. strobus*); Pitch Pine (*P. rigida*)
- White Spruce (*Picea glauca*)

SMALL GROWING TREES PROVIDE FEWER BENEFITS.

Avoid unless space is limited by overhead wires, etc. Where needed, we recommend:

- Crabapple
- American Hornbeam
- Flowering Dogwood
- Hawthorne
- Eastern Redbud
- Pagoda Dogwood
- Serviceberry

DO NOT PLANT THESE SPECIES:

- **Invasive non-native tree species:** Norway Maple, Callery Pear (aka Bradford Pear), Japanese Tree Lilac, Pawlonia, Tree-of Heaven, White or Silver Poplar
- **Invasive non-native shrubs:** Burning Bush
- **Pest-threatened native tree species:** All species of Ash, Eastern Hemlock



Motivate your team for a #NextGenTree

WHERE TO BUY TREES?

(contact info & more details at www.sustainablesaratoga.org/NextGenTree)

BALL & BURLAP and CONTAINER TREES – Local Nurseries, such as: Bob's Trees, Galway – Brookside Nursery, Ballston Spa – Hewitt's, multiple locations – Wild Things Rescue Nursery, Valley Falls. **Big box stores.**

SEEDLINGS – Local Bulk Orders (early deadlines; order soon): Saratoga County Soil & Water, Ballston Spa or Saratoga Tree Nursery, Saratoga Springs. **Mail Order**, such as: Arbor Day Foundation, Lincoln, NE – Fedco, Clinton, ME (bare root also) – Cold Stream Farm, Free Soil, MI – Chief River Nursery, Grafton, WI – Riverside Native Trees, Delaware, OH

WANT PRACTICAL INFO FOR TREE PLANTERS?

(details on our website)

BUY THE RIGHT TREE **PICK THE BEST LOCATION** (give ample space; maximize energy savings) **PLANT PROPERLY** (dig your hole bigger than the roots; don't bury the root flares) **MULCH RIGHT** (no mulch volcanoes) **WATER GENEROUSLY**

Support the cause...Post pics of your trees on social media and tag with #NextGenTree

Want help getting your school, congregation, or business planting? Email trees@sustainablesaratoga.org

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