



## **Village of Lake in the Hills Cost Sharing Residential Parkway Tree Replacement Program**

If your parkway tree has been removed, you are eligible to participate in the Village's Residential Parkway Tree Replacement Program.

The Parkway Tree Replacement Program allows residents to either hire their own contractor to replace the Village parkway tree, or replace the tree themselves and receive a rebate for replacement costs of up to a maximum amount of \$250. Rebate amounts are based on the caliper size of tree planted. The program will be administered on a first-come, first-served basis and is subject to limited funding availability. *Please note:* applications for reimbursement must be submitted prior to planting.

To qualify for a rebate under this program, the property owner must:

- Fill out a tree replacement application and submit it to the Public Works Department Streets Superintendent.
- If hiring a contractor, the contractor must have a valid Village of Lake in the Hills contractors' license.
- After the tree is planted, contact the Public Works Department for final inspection.
- The homeowner or contractor must complete the replacement in accordance with Village requirements and obtain final approval of the work by the Public Works Department as soon as completed.
- The Village will reimburse you:
  - up to \$175 if you plant a 2" caliper tree
  - up to \$200 if you plant a 2.5" caliper tree
  - up to \$225 if you plant a 3" caliper tree
  - up to \$250 if you plant a 3.5" caliper tree

The program is subject to limited funding availability. Failure to meet any of the qualifying conditions will void the reimbursement request. No reimbursement checks will be issued until a final inspection has been passed. Reimbursements are limited to one per residential address. Checks may take up to 8 weeks to be issued and the Village will not be held responsible for any mail or check lost by the U.S. Postal Service or any other delivery service carriers.

Questions regarding the Tree replacement Program should be directed to the Public Works Department Streets Superintendent at 847-960-7500.

## Reimbursement Program Rules and Limitations

### Parkway Tree Selection

The Village of Lake in the Hills offers a comprehensive list of approved trees that can be planted on parkways. The approved tree list can be found under Chapter 6 of the Municipal Code at [www.lith.org](http://www.lith.org)

### Planting a Tree

Trees that are planted must follow all Village of Lake in the Hills regulations.

Dig the hole twice as wide as the root ball (container), and no deeper than the height of the root ball. The soil that you dig out of the hole is what you use to backfill around the root ball. No soil amendments are recommended when planting a tree; therefore, no compost, peat moss, or shredded pine bark should be added to the backfill.

After planting the tree, build a 4-inch tall berm around the edge of the hole. Fill the berm with mulch (i.e. shredded bark, compost). The mulch and berm make it easier to water the tree and reduce weed competition.

Immediately after planting, give the tree a good amount of water by filling the berm with water. This will help settle the soil around the root ball. During week one: water the tree every day (about one pint of water each day). During week two: water every other day with about one quart of water. During week three: water every third day with two quarts of water. Week four and beyond your new tree should receive about 1 inch of water per week. The goal is to wean the tree slowly off of supplemental irrigation, and get the root system large enough for the tree to thrive on natural rainfall. Please remember to adhere to the Village's outside water usage status.

