Trees Across Colorado

A Program of the Colorado Tree Coalition
Trees Across Colorado
Choose From 25 Kinds of Trees

• Bare Root
  – Low or Moderately Low water demand trees
  – Help diversify your community forest

• Balled and Burlapped
  – A little heavier but still manageable and has soil around roots
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How Big Are The Trees?

• Most are 6-12 feet tall and 1-1.5 inches in caliper
  – Volunteers can handle this size of tree without a problem
  – Easier to plant at this size
  – Less expensive than larger caliper trees

• 1 year to re-establish for each inch of tree caliper

Source: “Arboriculture” 3rd Ed. 1999, p. 163 by Harris, Clark & Matheny, photo compliments of Gary Watson, Morton Arboretum
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Low Cost Shade Trees!

- Ordered in bulk at wholesale prices through local brokers or nurseries
- Prices of trees are adjusted to include shipping and administrative costs
- Volunteer Involvement - group organizers come and pick up the trees on unloading day...and the TAC coordinator (Gertie) volunteers all of her time
- Since the trees are smaller caliper balled and burlapped or bare root they are easier to load and transport
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Who Organizes This in Their Communities?

- Individuals such as Master Gardeners, HOA Boards, Tree Boards or other volunteers within the community

- Town or City Forestry/Parks Staff
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Who Plants Trees and How Do They Know How To Do It?

• Volunteers in groups or individual homeowners trained by city, state or other experienced tree planters

• Town and City staff trained in tree planting
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How Do Groups Get Organized?

• Order trees from TAC by December 15 each year
• Spread the Word
  • Door to Door Leaflets
  • City and Town Web Pages
  • City and Town Mailings
  • HOA Newsletter
  • Local Media
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Information on Handouts

- Tree Order Form
- “Hello” Letter to Organizers
- FAQ’s
- Tree Descriptions
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Think About It Imagine…Envision…Plan!

- Place order by December 15
- Pay $\frac{1}{2}$ the cost by January 15, reminder due in mid-April when trees come
- Pick up your trees on a weekday to be determined in April (before Arbor Day) and transport them carefully—Very Important!
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Transport and Store Trees Carefully!!

- Once safely and carefully transported having a good storage spot is equally as important
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Getting Trees in the Ground

• Have a great Arbor Day in your community

• Plant left over trees at a school, park, golf course, or other public location in your community!
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Who Benefits From TAC?

- CTC receives any money over the cost of trees and shipping
- Your community will be greener and cleaner for the next generation
- Involve your community leaders in a fun and educational event
- Community members will know more about the benefits of trees, proper tree selection and diversity, good tree planting and care techniques, and where to plant trees for maximum environmental benefits
How Do I Get Help Organizing An Event?

- Start Small
- Consult with others who are doing this in their communities
- Utilize Volunteers

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For More Information on the Colorado Tree Coalition go to the CTC web site:

www.coloradotrees.org