

CITY OF Iowa Falls

The Scenic City

2026 Tree Board Spring Information Sheet



Arbor Day - Earth Day - Tree Give Away! April 25!

The Iowa Falls Trees Forever Tree Keepers will be offering small trees that will be **FREE** but they will require planting, watering, protection, and other maintenance; Tree Keepers will provide lots of information to help with this. They will also help with mulch.

Saturday April 25 from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM or until they are all gone
at the City of Iowa Falls Garage (across from the fire station)

For more information including trees available and planting information see:
cityofiowafalls.com/tree-adoption

Scenic Shade for the Scenic City: Tree Planting

With donated funds Tree Keepers is also planting trees for homeowners on a continuing basis along Iowa Falls' streets and sidewalks! Just complete a Street Tree Planting Permit application from City Hall and note "Tree Keepers Tree" on the application.

WANT TO PLANT A TREE?

DO I NEED A PERMIT?

Yes, **but only if** you are planting the tree on public land -- this includes the right-of-way between the sidewalk and the street; this area between the sidewalk and the street is also called the "parking". Trees planted in the parking are referred to as "street trees". Trees planted inside the sidewalks don't need permits. (But do call 811!)

HOW DO I GET A PERMIT?

Pick up an application at City Hall or get it from the city's website: cityofiowafalls.com Once returned to City Hall, the application will be considered by the Tree Board. If approved, you're ready to plant your tree or trees! (But do call 811!)

WHEN'S THE BEST TIME TO PLANT?

A great time to plant is spring time. Iowa Falls Trees Forever Tree Keepers will be making trees available for free adoption on April 26. **So now is a good time!**

WHAT'S THE TREE BOARD?

The City of Iowa Falls established the Tree Board in June of 1991 to provide assistance to the community in areas of planning, planting, and care of trees. Five Iowa Falls citizens are appointed to the board for 3-year terms. Currently the Tree Board is:

Mick Parker, chair
Sandy Foland

Teresa Birdwell
Jim Conrad

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT TREES AND TREE PLANTING?

Go to the North Park. Tree information is available in the kiosk there. Many trees there are marked so you can see what your possible choice looks like. Trees are also marked at Sunnyside and other parks and even along sidewalks of Iowa Falls. Iowa DNR, Iowa State Extension, and Trees Forever are also very good sources of information about trees and tree planting in Iowa.

WHY PLANT A TREE?

We've lost trees! There were more than 1,000 ash trees in Iowa Falls, many gone but there are **still** some to be removed. Our canopy is also very mature so each year we lose trees due to disease, storm damage, ... Several hundred new trees were planted last year!! Still, **many trees need to be planted!**

Trees provide many benefits including: Trees improve water quality and decrease runoff. Trees sequester CO₂. Trees provide habitat and food for birds, butterflies, beetles, and bees! Tree shade reduces cooling cost. Tree shade and evapotranspiration reduce the heat island effect, keeping Iowa Falls cooler. And don't forget that mature trees increase property values an estimated 10% by improving curb appeal!

WANT ANOTHER WAY TO PLANT A TREE?

Make a donation to the Parks Department to have the tree planted in a park. Or, make a donation to Iowa Falls Trees Forever Tree Keepers; they plant and give away nearly 500 trees each year!