

# The Importance of Trees

Thinking of sprucing up your yard? Want to add some shade to your house?

## Plant a tree!

Trees are an important part of our community. They add beauty and value to a landscape.

Trees provide us with shade, improve our air quality, provide habitats for wildlife, and other benefits, such as:

Preventing rainwater runoff and soil erosion: Leaf canopies help buffer the falling rain and their roots hold the soil in place.

Saving money: Trees conserve energy in summer and winter, providing shade from the hot summer sun and shelter from cold winter winds.

Improving our mental health: studies have shown that trees reduce our stress and anxiety and improve our mood.

## Why should I plant a tree?

A community with a high diversity of trees stands a better chance against pest and disease outbreaks.

A greater diversity of trees means a greater diversity of wildlife. Many species of wildlife depend on trees for habitat because trees provide food, protection, and homes.

Want more information on how to plant a tree? Check out the "Resident's Guide on How to Plant a Tree" on the City of Marshall Parks Department web page or the "Tree Policy" on the City of Marshall Street Department web page.

