



Front Yard Tree Program

The Department of Public Works (DPW) and Tree Committee offers this free program to support the Town's goal to replenish our diminishing tree canopy. If interested, please fill out the Front Yard Tree Application and send to the **Chelmsford Tree Warden at cclancy@chelmsfordma.gov** with "Front Yard Tree" as the subject line. You may also call the DPW at 978-250-5228, or drop off/mail your application to:

Chelmsford DPW
ATTN: Front Yard Tree
9 Alpha Rd.
Chelmsford, MA 01824

Eligible homeowners can receive a tree planted at no cost. Town staff will handle the ordering, scheduling, and planting for you! You will be responsible for watering regularly and any needed maintenance.

The following criteria applies in order to be eligible for this program:

1. Tree planting locations must be within 20 feet of the edge of the roadway or the back of the sidewalk.
2. Tree location requires a minimum 15-foot radius of clearance to allow for the tree planting and for the tree canopy to grow.
3. This program does not include removal of any brush, trees, or tree stumps to prepare the area prior to installation. Tree locations will only be selected on pervious areas (i.e. grass).
4. Only residential properties are eligible.
5. The resident will be required to sign a right-of-entry agreement to allow the Town to install the tree and follow up on inspections of the tree as needed. The resident agrees to do weekly watering between May and September for the first two years, and maintain the tree indefinitely.

Applications will be accepted from January 19 through March 13, 2026. Space is limited so apply early!

To apply, please complete the following form, including the following:

- small sketch diagram of your property - please be as accurate as possible.
- house footprint (layout position of your house in relation to the street and sidewalk from above)
- location of above ground and below ground power lines and gas or water lines (as known)
- existing trees, shrubs, garden beds, fences, walls, driveways, walkways, etc.
- proposed location of Front Yard tree
- proposed tree species from list below.



Chelmsford Front Yard Tree Program Application Form

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Cell: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Are there any overhead utility wires or infrastructure located near the proposed tree location? Yes No

If Yes, select new tree from the following tree species (circle one):

- [Flowering Dogwood](#)
- [Eastern Redbud](#)
- [American Hophornbeam](#)
- [Hawthorn – Winter King](#)
- [Crab Apple – Spring Snow](#)
- [Serviceberry](#)

If No, select new tree from the following tree species (circle one):

- [White Oak](#)
- [Tupelo](#)
- [Sugar Maple](#)
- [Tulip Tree](#)
- [Sycamore](#)
- [Linden Silver](#)

Please include a brief description of where you would like the Front Yard Tree to be planted (i.e. to left of driveway, etc. You may also submit a photo with your application or provide a sketch below)

Once received, the DPW and Tree Committee will review and be in contact on whether your application was accepted. A site visit to review the application will likely be conducted by DPW and/or Tree Committee members (you don't need to be home). Plantings are anticipated to occur May/June 2026.

Property Sketch Diagram (please use separate sheet if needed):

