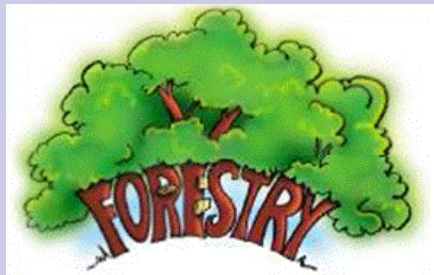


Forestry has many volunteer scheduled opportunities that are available to meet the volunteer's request.



Useful Information

City of Fort Worth Parks & Community Services
Department

Forestry Section 817/871-5738
(to report damaged trees)
<http://www.fortworthgov.org/pacs/fwpacsd/forestry/index.htm>

Forester 817/871-5729
(Neighborhood Tree
Planting Program)

Forester 817/871-5739
(Tree Grant Program—
Ball & Burlap)

Rolling Hills Nursery
2525 Joe B. Rushing Blvd.
(Free mulch)

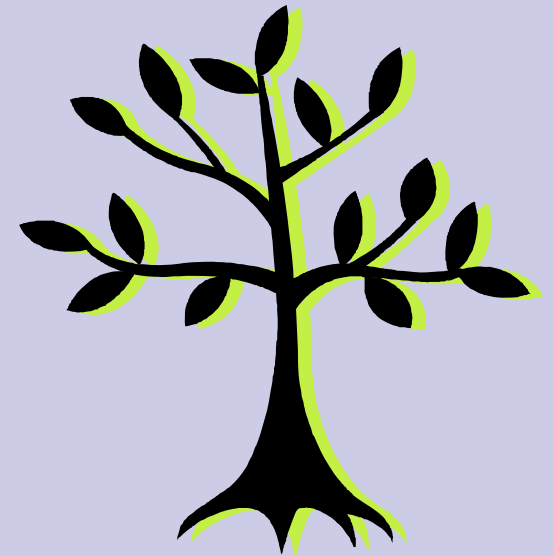
Botanic Gardens 817/871-7686

Texas Forest Service 817/579-5773
Oak Wilt Specialist
www.texasoakwilt.org

Texas Forest Service 817/926-8203
Regional Urban Forester

Texas Agriculture Extension 817/884-1944
Tarrant County
<http://tarrant-tx.tamu.edu/horticulture.html>

Forestry
Volunteer
Opportunities



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817/871-5738

Forestry Volunteer Projects

TREE PLANTING

- **Plant trees at Neighborhood Tree Planting events (held on scheduled Saturdays from October - March)**
Through the [Neighborhood Tree Planting Program](#), we provide free 5-gallon container trees to participating residences, which will be planted in the parkway (area between the sidewalk and the curb). Volunteers can make a huge difference by helping to plant the trees. The residents will benefit from the trees for years to come.
- **Plant trees in city parks (January - April)**
Through the [Tree Grant program](#), we plant large container trees in city parks throughout Fort Worth. Volunteers are occasionally needed to assist with these projects during the week & on scheduled Saturdays.
- **Model Block Blitz tree planting (October – November)**
The [Model Blocks \(MB\) Program](#) is the City of Fort Worth's premier neighborhood revitalization program aimed at "building strong neighborhoods, a safe community and sound economy". Forestry contributes by providing free trees for the parkways & volunteers to help plant the trees.
- **Habitat for Humanity tree planting (October - November)**
Our support group [Cross Timbers Urban Forestry Council](#) plants 10 – 20 gallon trees at new Habitat for Humanity homes in the area each year. We could use volunteers to assist on this project – which usually occurs in October or November.

TREE PLANTING (continued)

- **Cowtown Brush-Up tree planting (October)**
Forestry volunteers help plant trees for elderly and disabled residents through the [Cowtown Brush-Up](#) program.
- **Planting trees for the elderly (September – May)**
Occasionally we get requests to plant replacement trees for the elderly. We could use volunteers to assist on this project. We may be developing a program in the future that will provide opportunities for more elderly people to get free trees.

TREE SURVEYS

- **Park tree inventory (spring - fall)**
Troop can choose a park nearby and collect data & map location of trees using GPS or manual mapping. We will provide the data sheets, tree ID information & training. Unfortunately, we do not have GPS available to lend out.
- **Neighborhood street tree inventory (spring – fall)**
March (after Spring Break) - Survey neighborhoods that have participated in past tree-planting projects and note survival, health and species of trees. Or troops can survey the street trees of a Fort Worth neighborhood near their home.

INVASIVE SPECIES

- **Privet removal (year- round)**
Privet eradication in a local park (Privet is a non-native invasive shrub that takes over our native woodlands and out-competes all the native vegetation).

TREE FARM

- **Tree Farm tour (year-round)**
Visitors get a tour of the tree farm where visitors might get to see the crew digging large field-grown trees and loading them onto flatbeds. Visitors will get to see how the greenhouses are set up, the process of growing trees from seed, and check out the heavy equipment. The tour is usually combined with volunteering at the tree farm.
- **Tree Farm volunteer (year-round)**
Volunteers may plant 1 gallon trees in our tree fields, organize and weed our greenhouses, transplant 1 gallon trees into 5 gallon containers, plant seedlings in growing trays or inventory stock.
- **Collect seeds from native trees (September - October)**
Each fall, we collect seeds from native trees across the city. We then plant the seeds and raise them at our tree farm. The seeds/trees will eventually be used in our free tree planting programs: Tree Grant & Neighborhood Tree Planting Program.

OUT & ABOUT

- **Adopt a tree (year-round)**
Volunteers could plant some trees in a city park and then be responsible for watering and mulching the tree until it is established. Or they could adopt trees that are already planted in a nearby park & water them on a weekly basis.
- **Park litter pick up (year-round)**
Not specifically tree related, but a project can be arranged to clean up a park.
- **Plant native plants at a Community Center (year-round)**
Again, not specifically tree related, but a project can be arranged.