

FREE TREES FOR CLEVELAND AREA COMMUNITY GROUPS



Does your community group want to plant trees?
Holden can provide trees for small plantings (5–12 trees).

What will Holden Forests & Gardens provide?

If your application is selected, your community group will be provided with:

- Range of 5–12 trees and their accessories (e.g. stakes, ties, deer protection, fertilizer)

If desired, a Holden tree expert will be available to assist with:

- A pre-planting site visit to make recommendations for number, types, and placement of trees based on your site and goals – but you make the final selection!
- Attending your planting to provide guidance. The best time for tree planting is spring (April–early May) or fall (late September–November)

What will you need to do?

- Call OUPS to check for utilities in your tree planting area prior to digging.
- Plant your trees
- Care for the trees ~3 years after planting—watering 10–15 gallons per week, weeding, mulching once each year.

Who can apply?

- Any community group in Cuyahoga, Lake, or Geauga counties who wants to plant trees.
Priority will be given to groups serving low income, underserved communities, and/or that will be planting in low tree canopy areas.

How do you apply?

- Fill out the Google Form linked at the **QR code**, or email **communityforestry@holdenfg.org**
Applications will be accepted on a rolling, first-come-first-serve basis, but must be submitted 6–8 weeks before your planned tree planting event to ensure we can order and get trees to you on time. Apply early; later applications may not receive trees once all funding has been used.

Planning an even bigger tree giveaway?

Some funding also available for small tree giveaways of 20–50 trees.

Contact communityforestry@holdenfg.org if your organization wants to source trees for your own tree giveaway.

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