

# URBAN FOREST ENHANCEMENT REBATE PROGRAM

The Town of New Tecumseth recognizes the significant value and benefits trees provide to the community and as such, the Town is constantly working towards enhancing its urban forest to reach a canopy cover of 30%. As trees mature, benefits they provide to the community exponentially increase and to this end, the Town wishes to promote this benefit by encouraging property owners and managers to care for their trees.

Funds have been set aside for the maintenance and planting of trees on private lands and the Town invites applications from those interested in participation.

## Program Details:

Applications must be submitted to the Public Works Department for approval prior to commencing tree maintenance. Refunds can only be issued upon inspection of the proposed and completed work/site.

## Tree Maintenance

The Town requires tree work to be prescribed and completed by an ISA Certified Arborist in good standing. Verified here: [Verify an ISA Certified Arborist](#).

This program covers 50% of the cost of the work to a maximum rebate of \$250 per year, per address (exclusive of taxes or other charges). It is the obligation of each applicant, and by extension the arborist, to show and clearly demonstrate the work with justification. Each address must list the specific tree, with the recommended work, that correlates with the itemized cost. Acceptable written prescriptions must be described using ANSI A300 standards (i.e., objectives and methods).

Properties may require/use additional sheets or the arborist proposal to show the itemized work for each unit. The Certified Arborist must be on site while the work is being completed.

## Tree Planting

The program covers one property with a rebate of 50% of the purchase cost, with the minimum purchase price of the tree(s) being \$100 exclusive of taxes or other charges and a maximum rebate of \$75 per year, per address. The program does NOT cover shrubs, bushes, hedges, or ornamentals. The tree(s) can include the installation cost of the tree as needed.

Example: Purchase of a tulip tree at \$250 installed is eligible for a refund of \$75.

## Notes:

Funding is available on a first come first serve basis. Applications may be submitted February 1 to October 30 of every year pending budget approval and availability. Highly priced work will be called into question and may be refused; 3 quotes are required. Original estimates/quotes will be required for acceptance into the program and final invoices with proof of payment must be submitted once complete or prior to the end of November of the calendar year during which the application was submitted for a site inspection to be completed and a rebate to be processed.

Applications and inquiries may be directed to the Public Works Department:  
[publicworks@newtecumseth.ca](mailto:publicworks@newtecumseth.ca), or (705) 435-3900.

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## APPLICATION for REFUND

As a result of making this application, the undersigned acknowledges, covenant and agrees to adhere to all Provincial Public Health Restrictions as of the date of this application and indemnify and save harmless the Town of New Tecumseth from any liability for medical issues arising from the process of issuing the said License howsoever arising.

If the address or corporation name is required (e.g., SSCC), please provide all information for contact, mailing address, etc. Use additional sheets as needed.

<b>Applicant Name:</b>			
<b>Street Address:</b>			
<b>Town:</b>		<b>Postal Code:</b>	
<b>Telephone:</b>	( )	<b>Applicant Email:</b>	
<b>Applicant Signature:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	

<b>Arborist Name:</b>			
<b>Company:</b>			
<b>Arborist Email:</b>			
<b>Telephone:</b>	( )	<b>Certification #:</b>	ON -
<b>Total Amount Submitted for Rebate (\$)</b>			

Examples of Acceptable Treatments			
Pruning Objectives	Pruning Method Types	Fertilize	Pest Treatment
Reduce Risk of Failure	Structural pruning	Deep root	EAB
Provide Clearance	Cleaning	Mulching	LDD moth
Manage Health	Reduction cuts		Fungus
Restoration	Raising		
Retrenchment	Removal cuts		
Manage Aesthetics	Support cable		

Examples of Acceptable Quotes					
Tree #	Species	Location	Recommendation (ANSI Objective & Method)	Cost	Approved Rebate
1	Norway Maple	35 Smith St., front, north of dw	Maintain health via cleaning and structural pruning, reduction cut on 1 codominant leader, raise using 3 removal cuts on lowest limbs, shape and balance	\$150	\$75
2	Honey Locust	37 Smith St., back, south of deck	Maintain health and reduce risk of failure, clean by removing all deadwood and install support system	\$800	\$250

Completed form can be returned to the Town of New Tecumseth Public Works Department, 10 Wellington Street East, Alliston, ON, L9R 1A1 or preferably by email to [publicworks@newtecumseth.ca](mailto:publicworks@newtecumseth.ca). Please contact the Public Works Department for further information at 705-435-3900 or 905-729-0057.