

DWP's Free Tree Program Has It Made in the Shade

■ **After embarking two years ago, the program is a big success. Have you signed up for your trees?**

Since launching two years ago, the DWP's Trees for a Green LA program—which delivers free trees to your home—has been growing and putting down roots.

Since 2002, the program has:

—supplied free trees to 2,581 households in the City

—delivered and helped plant 16,345 residential trees

—has participated in 94 community projects, partnering with Valero Refinery, the Boy Scouts, City Council District Offices, the Dept. of Recreation and Parks and neighborhood associa-

tions. Some 2,164 community trees have been planted.

The program was developed using lessons learned from Sacramento Municipal Utility District's Shade Tree program and Anaheim Public Utility's Tree Power program.

The DWP's program in turn has inspired Burbank Water and Power and Pasadena Water and Power Dept. to implement similar programs.

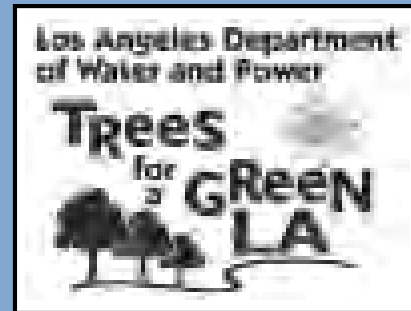
The California Urban Forest Council awarded the program the 2002 Outstanding

Urban Forestry Project of the Year, and the California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA) awarded it the 2004 Community Service/Resource Efficiency Award for Best Use of Public Benefit Funds. 🌳

The DWP grows a number of trees to keep Los Angeles shady and beautiful.



DWP employee Patrick Umeh and a youngster take advantage of the DWP's Trees for a Green LA Program.



For More Information:

To find out more about **Trees for a Green LA**

and other DWP environmental initiatives that can help create cleaner air and a greener Los Angeles, residents should visit

www.LADWP.com/GreenLA, or call 1-800-GreenLA [(800) 473-3652].

Interested?

Here are some frequently asked questions.

Who is sponsoring this program?

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is sponsoring Trees for a Green LA to provide Los Angeles residents with energy savings and environmental benefits. The Los Angeles Conservation Corps, the prime contractor for the program, is helping to coordinate the residential tree planting workshops.

Why is DWP giving away free shade trees?

Trees provide shade that cools down ambient, reducing the need for air conditioning, and thus lowering electricity use and costs for residents. This, in turn, helps lessen air pollution that comes from the generation of electricity.

An independent analysis of the Trees for a Green LA program shows that for every dollar spent, approximately \$17.50 will be returned as avoided costs for energy supply and air pollution control.

What does participation in this program cost?

The residential tree planting workshops and trees provided through Trees for a Green LA are free. Residents are responsible for planting and maintaining the tree(s) on their property.

Who is eligible to participate in this program?

Trees for a Green LA is open to all DWP residential electric customers who have adequate space to plant trees. Condominium owners should get prior approval from their condominium homeowners association before signing up to participate. In addition, home or apartment renters must receive prior approval from their property owner before trees will be delivered.

What must residents do to participate in the program?

Residents must attend one of a series of two-hour residential workshops to receive free shade trees. Workshops will be held throughout the city in every Council District on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings to provide convenient access to residents interested in the program.

Where do residents find the workshop schedule?

The calendar is posted on the Internet at www.ladwp.com. The calendar is regularly updated with new workshops every month. It is also available by calling 1-800-GreenLA [(800) 473-3652] and selecting Trees for a Green LA after the voice prompt. You may request that a schedule and information packet be mailed to you.

How do residents sign up for a workshop?

You can sign up for a workshop via phone or e-mail.

By phone, you can call LADWP at 1-800-GreenLA [(800) 473-3652], and select Trees for a Green LA after the voice prompt. A representative will assist you in identifying a workshop that is convenient for you.

By e-mail, you can log on to www.ladwp.com, click Trees for a Green LA, click Tree Planting Workshop, and find a convenient workshop in your area. Then, you can send an e-mail to Tree.Program@LADWP.com with your workshop request. Remember to include your name, address and phone number. For e-mail reservations, an e-mail confirmation will be sent to you with the workshop information (date, location, time). Be sure to include any requested accommodations for disable access (hearing impaired, parking, etc.).

Space is limited so residents should arrive at least 10 minutes early to get a seat. Those with reservations may forfeit their seat to a "walk-in" once the presentation begins. Please note that late arrivals may be turned away (even with reservations) if space is not available.

We have several neighbors that are interested in residential shade trees.

Can I request a separate workshop for my neighborhood association?

Yes. Groups (such as homeowners associations, neighborhood watch associations, churches, or civic groups) that can guarantee participation of 10 households (minimum) in a workshop also can contact LADWP at Tree.Program@LADWP.com to request a workshop specifically for their group. E-mails should include the name and location of the group, plus two or three dates/times when the group can host a workshop. LADWP will make every effort possible to accommodate such organizational requests. Workshops are also available in Spanish.

What types of trees are available under this program?

The Trees for a Green LA program designers have developed a comprehensive list of available residential trees with input from several urban forestry experts, including landscape architects and local arborists. The experts have ensured that a variety of low- and moderate-water-use species, appropriate for the different areas in Los Angeles, are offered, although available species may vary from season to season. Approximately 40 species are expected to be available at any given time.

Because the purpose of this program is to provide residents with ornamental shade trees, palm trees (which offer only minimal shade) are not supplied. For the same reason, trees that produce edible fruit also are not available.

How many trees can residents receive?

Participants can receive up to seven trees for planting per residential property, depending on site-specific limitations. For larger properties, residents can request up to ten trees. Replacement trees are not available through the program.

How large are the trees?

All of the trees distributed to residents are 5-gallon trees (about 4 to 5 feet tall). A couple of species may be delivered as 15-gallon

trees. Depending on the species you select, the trees may reach between 20 feet to 80 feet at maturity.

Can participants make arrangements to ensure they're home when the trees are delivered?

Yes. Participants who want to request tree delivery on a Saturday can mark that on the tree order form, and the Los Angeles Conservation Corps will contact them to schedule a specific Saturday delivery date (between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.). These requests likely will require more than two weeks to accommodate.

Who will plant and care for these trees?

Residents are responsible for planting the trees they receive, which they can do individually, through a gardener, or as part of a community tree-planting day organized in their neighborhood. Residents are also responsible for on-going maintenance and care of these trees, including watering.



The DWP' Trees for a Green L.A. program is the perfect project to bring your family together to keep L.A. beautiful.