

Orange County Streetscape Hosts Tree Adoption Program - 2012

Orange County, Florida - Orange County Cooperative Extension Service will host twelve (12) tree adoptions during 2012. The programs are free for all Orange County citizens and are designed to encourage adding trees to our environment.

Adding trees to the landscape has many long-term benefits. Along with the obvious advantages of shade and beauty, trees provide oxygen, filter, pollution, and create habitats for wildlife. Adding trees also replenish lost canopy due to storm damage, age, and development. And of course, pride of ownership, a sense of accomplishment and increased property value are added perks.

The Adopt-A-Tree events will be held the following dates and locations from 8 a.m. until Noon (or when all the trees are gone):

2012 Streetscape Tree Adoptions Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>District</u>
Jan 21	Bear Creek Park	1600 Bear Crossing Dr., Orlando FL	4
Feb 11	Fort Christmas Historical Park	1300 Fort Christmas Rd., Christmas FL	5
Mar 17	Barnett Park	4801 W. Colonial Dr., Orlando FL	6
Apr 14	Tibet Butler Preserve	8777 County Rd. 535, Orlando FL	1
May 12	Magnolia Park	2929 Binion Rd., Apopka FL	2
Jun 9	South Econ Park	3800 S. Econlockhatchee Trail, Orlando FL	3
Jul 21	Bear Creek Park	1600 Bear Crossing Dr., Orlando FL	4
Aug 18	Fort Christmas Historical Park	1300 Fort Christmas Rd., Christmas FL	5
Sep 15	Barnett Park	4801 W. Colonial Dr., Orlando FL	6
Oct 13	Tibet Butler Preserve	8777 County Rd., 535, Orlando FL	1
Nov 3	Magnolia Park	2929 Binion Rd., Apopka FL	2
Dec 8	South Econ Park	3800 S. Econlockhatchee Trail, Orlando FL	3

Orange County residents who want to participate need to register upon arrival and provide proof of Orange County residency: such as a driver's license, photo I.D., or utility bill. No pre-registration is necessary. Trees will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

Participants will attend a 15 minute education session on how to plant and care for their new trees before receiving up to two trees. Trees may include Live Oak, Sand Live Oak, Southern Magnolia, Red Maple and Bald Cypress depending on availability, which is subject to change. **The adoptions are limited to two trees per household only one time during the program. Trees may only be planted on private property of Orange County residents. They may not be planted in right-of-ways or in retention pond areas, nor are they to be used to enhance common area property of HOAs or developments.** Orange County Master Gardener Volunteers will be on hand to answer landscape questions.

For more information, contact the Streetscape Adopt-a-Tree program at the UF/IFAS, Orange County Extension Education Center: (407) 254-9200.