

Orange County Streetscape Hosts Tree Adoption Program - 2010

Orange County, Florida - Orange County Cooperative Extension Service will host twelve (12) tree adoptions during 2010. 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):

2010 Streetscape Tree Adoptions Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>District</u>
Jan 23	Bear Creek Park	1600 Bear Crossing Dr., Orlando FL 32824	4
Feb 13	Fort Christmas Historical Park	1300 Fort Christmas Rd., Christmas FL 32709	5
Mar 13	Barnett Park	4801 W. Colonial Dr., Orlando FL 32808	6
Apr 10	Tibet Butler Preserve	8777 County Rd. 535, Orlando FL 32836	1
May 15	Magnolia Park	2929 Binion Rd., Apopka FL, 32703	2
Jun 12	Jay Blanchard Park	2451 N. Dean Rd., Orlando FL 32817	3
Jul 24	Bear Creek Park	1600 Bear Crossing Dr., Orlando FL 32824	4
Aug 14	Fort Christmas Historical Park	1300 Fort Christmas Rd., Christmas FL 32709	5
Sep 18	Barnett Park	4801 W. Colonial Dr., Orlando FL 32808	6
Oct 9	Tiber Butler Preserve	8777 County Rd., 535, Orlando FL 32836	1
Nov 13	Magnolia Park	2929 Binion Rd., Apopka FL 32703	2
Dec 11	Jay Blanchard Park	2451 N. Dean Rd., Orlando FL 32817	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. The adoptions are limited to two trees per household only one time during the program. Trees may include Live Oak, Sand Live Oak, Southern Magnolia, Red Maple and Bald Cypress depending on availability, which is subject to change. 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.