

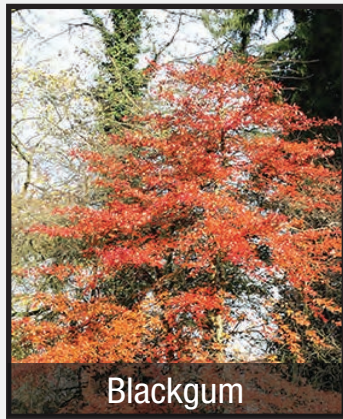
SHADE TREES

Shade trees are trees with widespread, dense canopies. Commonly planted shade trees in the District include oaks, maples, and evergreens. Shade trees absorb stormwater and allow water to infiltrate naturally. In addition to these stormwater benefits, shade trees can help insulate your home and help reduce utility bills.

Things to consider when planting a shade tree in your yard include the location of utility wires (both above ground and buried), sun exposure, and the distance from your house, sidewalks, fences, and other trees.



American Holly



Blackgum



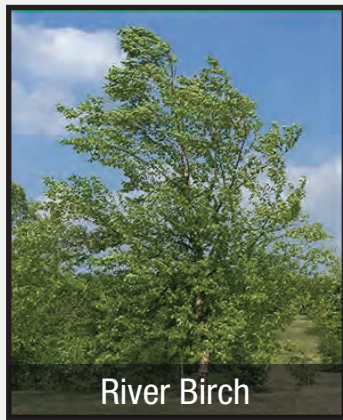
Honeylocust



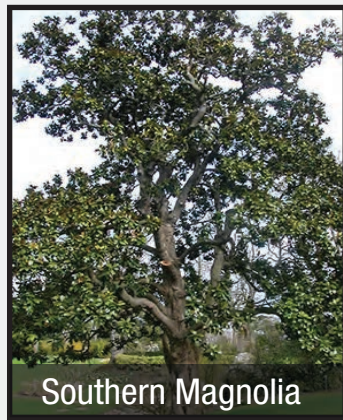
Oak



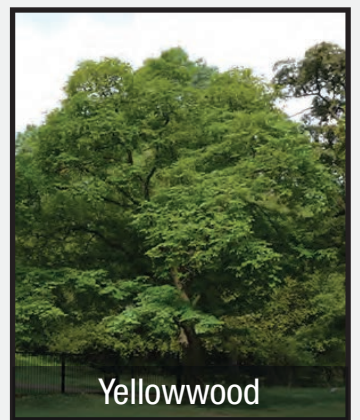
Red Maple



River Birch



Southern Magnolia



Yellowwood

\$0 co-payment per shade tree (no limit per property)

MAINTAINING YOUR TREES

Trees will need to be watered regularly, especially during the first two years after planting. Use the watering bag provided with the tree to keep it hydrated. Allow the soil to dry out completely between waterings. Apply mulch around the base of the tree in a three foot radius, no greater than three inches deep and three inches away from the trunk. For more maintenance information and how-to videos, visit www.riversmarthomes.org/shadetrees.

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NEXT STEPS

If you are interested in shade trees, please do the following:

1. Become eligible for a tree through a RiverSmart Homes audit
2. If you are eligible, let your auditor know you want shade tree(s) planted
3. Work with the arborist to develop a planting plan
4. Have your tree(s) planted
5. Maintain your tree(s)

INTERESTED IN PLANTING A TREE SOONER OR WANT A DIFFERENT KIND OF TREE?

Rebates are available for homeowners who purchase and plant eligible trees on their property. Rebate amounts vary (\$50 or \$100) depending on the species of tree planted. Rebates are issued as a direct reimbursement to the homeowner. Species noted for their large canopy and significant environmental benefits qualify for rebates up to \$100 per tree. Rebates can be used in combination with RiverSmart Homes funding. Casey Trees administers the tree rebate on behalf of DOEE.

Visit caseytrees.org/programs/planting/rebate for the eligible species list and application information.