



Tree Recovery Campaign provides Free Seedlings to Morristown

Free tree seedlings will be available to Morristown residents as part of the New Jersey Forest Service's Tree Recovery Campaign.

From **2:00PM to 4:00PM** on **Saturday, May 1**, residents will be able to pick up tree seedlings at the **Town of Morristown Town Hall parking lot**. Seedlings are available on a first come, first served basis. Residents will be provided with a care guide that addresses seedling storage, general care, and identifying an appropriate planting location. The **Morristown Shade Tree Commission** reminds residents to consider the size of a mature tree when choosing the planting location.

The seedlings should be planted within two days after pick-up in order to prevent the roots from drying out.

The pick-up event is designed to keep residents safe and follows the New Jersey's COVID-19 recommendations for public gatherings. **Masks are required. There will be signage with direction. We will provide a clean pen to sign for the trees. 6-foot markers will be in place to assure appropriate distancing.** Please follow COVID-19 recommendations when picking up the tree seedlings.

The New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign goal to distribute over 600,000 tree seedlings to New

Jersey residents over the course of seven years was met in 2019. With natural disasters like Hurricane Sandy, and damage caused by several new invasive insects to New Jersey, the need for new tree seedlings is as significant as ever. Therefore, the campaign has continued onto its 7th year.

The program is a joint effort between **Morristown Shade Tree Commission**, New Jersey Forest Service, New Jersey Soil Conservation Districts, Arbor Day Foundation, iCIMS, FedEx, and International Paper.

When properly planted and maintained, trees can be assets to our community. Among many other benefits, trees improve the visual appeal of neighborhoods and business districts, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants, and provide wildlife habitat.

For a list of all distribution locations across the state, visit forestry.nj.gov or facebook.com/newjerseyforests.

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