

2024 Boulevard Tree Program



The City of Horace is ramping up for the 2024 Boulevard Tree Program planting season. There are many exciting changes for the upcoming season. We have approximately 280 trees on order, with over 100 reserved from applications received last year. This year, we are adding new varieties to help beautify the city and are currently working to secure our tree selections. The tree varieties and final shipping quantity are based on availability from our supplier and are all subject to change. Waitlist applicants have priority in the available trees.

New this year is our application process. Our new online application will help us work with the software we are currently using to track trees planted within the city. Tracking trees will help determine what varieties of trees to offer in the future by not overpopulating the city with a particular variety, an important element in protection from invasive diseases or pests. Homeowners can apply for the Boulevard Tree Program by visiting the Building Permits and Inspections Page under Government Departments. There will be two application options for homeowners: one for "Homes Built Before 2023" and one for "Homes Built After 2023."

Each has its own set of questions, so it's important to complete the correct application. We are wrapping up the final touches on the application and expect to begin accepting applications around the middle or end of January. Stay tuned for more information.

Both:
The application deadline is April 1, 2024. This is a first-come, first-served program. However, once all trees are spoken for, applications will go on a wait list for 2025. There is no guarantee that you will receive your preferred tree(s).

This program is for boulevard trees only.

There is no retroactive approach, meaning trees purchased in the past will not be reimbursed.

The final grade on your property must be completed by May 1, 2024. We cannot plant trees on properties where the final grade isn't completed.

The City of Horace is not responsible for sprinkler system repairs if damage occurs.

Trees will be planted according to the City Ordinance, trees will be planted 10' from driveways and 5' from structures within the boulevard, i.e., fire hydrants, mailboxes, light poles, and storm drains. For corner lots, trees will be planted 40' from the point of intersection in front and side boulevards.

Trees will be planted by the City of Horace Public Works employees. Planting includes trees, stakes, and mulch. Watering and maintaining trees after planting are the homeowner's responsibility. We highly recommend purchasing a 20-gallon watering tree bag for each tree. They can be found at your local home improvement/gardening store as well as online.

Homes Built Before 2023 Info:

\$75 for the first front boulevard tree, \$250 for each additional front boulevard tree.

\$75 for each tree requested for the side boulevard.

Payment for trees is due BEFORE the trees will be planted; the due date for payment is May 15, 2024, no exceptions. All trees not paid for by this date will be available to those on the wait list, with immediate payment required by those residents.

Homes built after January 1, 2023

New homeowners with homes built in 2023 can apply to have the \$250 tree deposit refunded to them if they plant a tree on their own in their boulevard. OR new homeowners can apply for the City of Horace to plant one tree based on the tree(s) available in lieu of the \$250 tree deposit refund.

To receive a refund on the tree deposit, trees planted by homeowners still need to follow the Ordinance ordinance (see above). The City is not able to stake tree locations for homeowners who are planting in the boulevard.

Trees must be planted within 365 days after a Certificate of Occupancy has been issued.

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