

What Is the Findlay Shade Tree Commission?

The Findlay Shade Tree Commission was appointed in 1978 as a group of community volunteers and City of Findlay representatives in order to address the need to care for Findlay's aging urban forest.

Today the Shade Tree Commission's "Mission" is to *provide technical guidance for the establishment and maintenance of city trees and to educate all city residents on the importance of proper tree care.*

The commission's responsibilities are to provide leadership in the selection and establishment of trees planted in areas of public street rights-of-way. It is also a liaison to city residents in the proper planting, care, maintenance and removal of trees within city rights-of-way through a variety of avenues:

- **The Adopt-A-Tree Program**
- **Public educational programs on planting, pruning and general tree care**

The City of Findlay also has the distinction of being a Tree City USA community.



2009 Commission Members

Bill Malloy Ed Crawford
Rick Kidwell Linda Casey
Brooks Bosse Michael Jurkiewicz

2009 Support Members

Deb Seng, City Council
Matt Stoffel, Public Works Dept.
Mark Steward, City Engineering
Bruce Hardy, Service Director

Benefits of Trees

TREES:

- Produce oxygen while cleaning our air and water
- Are natural air-conditioners, reducing cooling costs 25-50%
- Increase property values 10-20%
- Attract customers to local businesses
- Provide wildlife habitat
- Reduce human stress and decrease incidence of domestic violence
- Produce a sense of rootedness and community
- **Trees are beautiful!**

Shade Tree Commission Meetings

Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the third floor conference room in the Municipal Building.
Subject to change, contact Mayors office.



Findlay Shade Tree Commission



2009

City of Findlay, Ohio

Information and Services Provided to Residents

2009 Tree Species

Small Trees (15-25 feet at maturity)

Allegheny Serviceberry: Small white flowers. Foliage is medium green. Fruit is purplish red, less than 1". Disease resistant.

Paperbark Maple: Beautiful cinnamon, exfoliating bark. Very slow growing. No serious disease or insect problems.

Winter King Hawthorne: Small white flowers. Branches have long sharp thorns. Reddish Orange colored fruit. No serious disease or insect problems.

Medium Trees (30-50 feet)

Heritage River Birch: Glossy light green leaves in summer. Yellow fall color and an exfoliating bark that is tan in color. Disease and pest resistant.

Rocky Mountain Maple: Medium green leaves in summer with inconspicuous green flowers.

American Hornbeam: Slow growing. Smooth, gray, fluted bark. Dark green leaves of summer changing to yellow, orange and red in fall.

Large Trees (50 feet or taller)

English Oak: Small dark green deciduous leaves. Color remains until late fall, when they turn red, and finally brown, persisting on the tree well into winter.

Turkish Filbert: Medium green leaves. In late winter, yellow male catkins and small red centered clusters of female flowers appear on the same tree. These give way to the acorn.

Frontier Elm: Beautiful red fall color. Tough, durable tree. Lustrous green leaves. Fast growing

Adopt-a-Tree

This program is designed to help keep Findlay streets beautiful and shaded. The Findlay Shade Tree Commission will select the most appropriate species for the location.

Who Qualifies?

All residents within the City of Findlay are eligible to participate in Adopt-A-Tree for the minimal price of \$20. The trees are designated for public tree lawns (the area between the road and sidewalk) and public road rights-of-way.

Tree Spacing Guidelines

All Trees: 10 feet from fire hydrants and streetlights
8 feet from curb cuts and street signs
4 feet from underground utility lines
35 feet from the corner curb of street intersections

Small: 5-foot tree lawn and at least 15 feet from the nearest tree. Great for under overhead electric lines.

Medium: 6-foot tree lawn and at least 25 feet from the nearest tree.

Large: 8-foot tree lawn and at least 40 feet from the nearest tree.

All trees are property of the City of Findlay. Planting, watering, mulching and on-going care including pruning are the responsibility of the homeowner. For additional assistance call the Public Works Department at:

419-424-7181

2009 Adopt-A-Tree Application

(Species selection may change due to availability of stock)

Name _____

Address _____

Planting Address _____

Phone _____

Date _____

Number of trees _____ (maximum of 4 trees per application)

Sketch your proposed planting site on a separate sheet of paper showing existing trees, power poles, water meters and location of new trees.

Adopt-A-Trees to be distributed April 25, 2009, from the City barn on West High Street.

Return this application by April 1, 2009 to:

**Mayor's Office
318 Dorney Plaza, Room 310
Findlay, Ohio 45840**