



Dover Shade Tree Commission (“STC”) Tree Donation Program FAQ

What is the Tree Donation Program?

The STC Tree Donation Program allows residents, families, businesses, and community groups to donate trees to beautify Dover’s public spaces while honoring loved ones, celebrating milestones, or giving back to the community.

Who can donate?

Anyone! The program is open to individuals, families, organizations, community groups, and local businesses.

How much does it cost to donate a tree?

The minimum donation is \$550 per tree. This includes:

- Purchase of the tree
- Planting and installation
- Initial care and maintenance

Can I donate a tree in memory or honor of someone?

Yes. Trees may be donated:

- In memory of a loved one
- In honor of someone special
- To commemorate an event
- As a gift to the community

Can I request a specific location or type of tree?

Yes. Donors may share location and tree preferences on the application. Final approval of tree species and placement is determined by the STC and DPW based on site suitability and long-term care considerations.

When are trees planted?

Trees are typically planted during:

- Spring planting season (April–May)
- Fall planting season (October–November)

Are commemorative plaques available?

Yes. Optional commemorative plaques are available for an additional fee. Plaque wording must be approved by the Shade Tree Commission and comply with STC guidelines. Plaque pricing will be provided upon request and must be paid in full before the plaque is ordered and installed.

Can I make a donation for less than the full tree donation amount?

Absolutely. While the minimum donation to sponsor a dedicated tree is \$550, the STC welcomes donations of any amount to support tree planting and canopy expansion efforts throughout Dover. Donations under \$550 will be placed into the Tree Donation Program fund and used toward future tree plantings in public spaces. Every contribution helps support a greener and more beautiful Dover.

What happens after I submit my application?

Once your application and donation are received:

1. The STC/DPW will review your request
2. A location/species consultation may take place
3. Your tree will be scheduled for planting during the next appropriate planting season

How do I apply?

Applications are available through the Dover Shade Tree Commission or Town Hall.