

# Tree Rebate Program



## The program

For a limited time the City is offering a maximum of **one (1) rebate for the owner of a residence or business** who plants a tree on their property. The rebate amount is for a maximum of \$50 and is subject to the conditions outlined below.

Trees can reduce stress levels and fatigue, calm traffic; provide privacy, emphasize views or screen out unsightly views; enhance architecture; increase property values; moderate the environment; improve air quality; and reduce storm water runoff. As trees offer numerous community benefits, this rebate is offered to encourage the growth of an "urban forest" in Parksville.

## Who is eligible for the program?

- ☛ This offer is only for businesses or owners of existing properties located within City of Parksville municipal boundaries.
- ☛ Trees must be planted in the ground on private property to be eligible; trees may not be planted on City boulevards, right-of-ways or any other location. Trees in pots or containers are not eligible.
- ☛ Any tree or fruit tree that will attain a mature height over 4.9 metres (16 feet) is eligible for a rebate. Shrubs, bushes and other plantings are not eligible.
- ☛ The rebate is for the purchase of one tree up to a maximum of \$50. Planting costs are not eligible.
- ☛ Property owners may apply for one rebate per property per calendar year.
- ☛ Rebates will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis, accepting only valid applications for **trees purchased on or after January 1 of the current calendar year**, until the funding is exhausted.

*The City of Parksville will issue a rebate cheque to the applicant based on the application requirements. Rebates are up to a maximum of \$50. All claims are subject to verification.*

## What do I need to apply?

1. Completed application form (on reverse).
2. Proof of purchase and planting as follows:
  - Receipt dated on or after January 1 (current year) for purchase of a tree.
  - Photograph of tree planted on private property.

*We recommend making a copy of your completed application form and receipts for your own records, as all information submitted will not be returned.*

## Where do I send my completed application form?

Drop off or mail your completed application form to:

**City of Parksville**

**Box 1390, 100 Jensen Avenue East**

**Parksville, BC V9P 2H3**





## Applicant Information:

Owner / Business Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Installation Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Tree Species: \_\_\_\_\_ Tree Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Mature Tree Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Purchase Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☛ *I hereby certify that the information given is correct and the noted tree has been planted at the installation address and meets the minimum mature height requirements of over 4.9 metres (16 feet).*
- ☛ *I understand that submission of an application does not guarantee a rebate.*
- ☛ *By participating in this program, I agree to permit a representative of the City of Parksville access to inspect this installation for the purposes of ensuring the rebate program requirements have been satisfied.*
- ☛ *I acknowledge that any inspection by City staff is not for the purpose of ensuring the tree has been properly planted and that the City is not responsible for the health or maintenance of the tree, or for any legal issues arising from the planting of the tree.*

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

To ensure your application's success, make sure it is complete with **proof of purchase and photos attached**. All rebates are issued on a first-come, first-served basis and may take up to six weeks to process. All rebates are subject to availability of funds and the rebate program may be changed or terminated without notice.

### **Questions about this form? Please call 250 248-5412**

*This information is being collected under section 26(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for the purpose of administering the rebate program and will be protected under the provisions of the Act.*

*Should you have any questions about the collection of this information, you may contact the City of Parksville FOIPP Coordinator at 250 954-3070 or by mail at Box 1390, Parksville, BC V9P 2H3.*

