



CITY OF WINTER SPRINGS

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Winter Springs named Tree City USA for 35th consecutive year



WINTER SPRINGS, Fla.— The Arbor Day Foundation has named Winter Springs Tree City USA for 2024.

This is the 35th consecutive year that the City has received the recognition and honors the City's commitment to effective urban forest management.

To earn Tree City USA® recognition, municipalities must meet four requirements:

- Maintaining a tree advisory board or department
- Having a tree-care ordinance
- Dedicating an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita per person
- Hosting an Arbor Day observance and proclamation

Winter Springs Mayor Kevin McCann said the recognition highlights the City's commitment to cleaner air, healthier residents, and overall quality of life.

"Although not surprised, I am pleased that Winter Springs has for the 35th year obtained the designation of "Tree City USA" by the Arbor Day Foundation. As Central Florida continues to grow, we are committed to preserving our community's unique charm," McCann said.

Every year, the City of Winter Springs holds its Arbor Day tree giveaway, where Winter Springs residents can sign up to receive a free tree.

Residents in incorporated Winter Springs are eligible to receive a free tree, complete with an informative care guide.

In 2023 the City delivered over 1400 free trees to residents.

The Tree City USA® program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the United States Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

More information about Winter Springs annual Arbor Day Tree Giveaway can be found at [https:// www.winterspringsfl.org/community/page/arbor-day-tree-giveaway-2024](https://www.winterspringsfl.org/community/page/arbor-day-tree-giveaway-2024).

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