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City of Winter Springs to deliver over 1400 free trees to residents

Residents could choose from six different types of trees and shrubs and have them delivered to their homes at no cost to celebrate Arbor Day.

WINTER SPRINGS, Fla.– Beginning Wednesday, April 24 2024, the City of Winter Springs, with the help of <u>A Budget Tree Service Inc.</u>, will begin delivering free trees to hundreds of residents as part of its annual Tree Giveaway event.

On April 11, 2024, Winter Springs Mayor Kevin McCann proclaimed April 26, 2023, Arbor Day in the City of Winter Springs. Encouraging all citizens "to celebrate by supporting efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and urged citizens to plant trees and promote the well-being of this and future generations."



Residents in incorporated Winter Springs who registered online could choose from 6 types of trees Bald Cypress, Crepe Myrtle, Eastern Red Cedar, Red Maple, Winged Elm and Tea Olive, and have them delivered to their homes free of charge.

This year the City plans to deliver over 1400 trees and shrubs, an increase from 2023, when 1200 trees were given away to residents.

Each resident who receives a free tree will also be given a guide to help care for and maintain their new addition.

In February the Arbor Day Foundation named Winter Springs Tree City USA for the 35th consecutive year for it's efforts .

Every year the City of Winter Springs holds its annual Tree Giveaway in an effort to encourage residents to plant a tree and help purify the air, prevent soil erosion, and keep the City beautiful.

All trees trees are paid for with proceeds from the City of Winter Springs Arbor Fund.

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR WINTER SPRINGS, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of

more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic

vitality of business areas, and beautify our community.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kevin McCann, Mayor of the City of Winter Springs, Florida do hereby Proclaim April 26, 2024 as

"ARBOR DAY"

in the City of Winter Springs and encourage all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands. Further, I urge all citizens to plant trees and promote the well-being of this and future generations.



In witness where of, I have herewn to set my hand and caused this Seal to be

affixed and signed this 14 day of April 2024

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KEVIN McCANN, MAYOR

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CITY CLERK

Kevin McCann Mayor

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