

Plant a noble shade tree, beautiful flowering tree, or beneficial grouping of shrubs . . .

Frequently Asked Questions

Who administers the program?

The Wilton Tree Committee, which is a subcommittee of the Wilton Conservation Commission.

How much does it cost?

The program costs \$1,000 for a donation. This covers the cost to purchase and plant the tree or shrubs and maintain them for three years. In addition, it includes an engraved brick, which is placed at the base of the tree or shrubs indicating its species, donor, and the name of the person being honored.

Who selects the trees and shrubs?

Donors have the option of selecting a shade tree, understory tree, or group of shrubs. Based on this preference, the Wilton Tree Committee determines the specific plant species based on a number of factors. These include the plant's growth requirements, life expectancy, and size at maturity, as well as site specific factors including the amount of available space, aesthetics, foot traffic, public access, and safety.

Where will my donated tree or shrubs be planted?

The Wilton Tree Committee will select an appropriate location in town in accordance with the current Master Plan for Wilton.

When will my tree or shrubs be planted?

Plants are generally installed in the fall to help ensure their establishment with the least environmental or seasonal stresses.

Shade trees, such as:

- Sugar maples
- Red maples
- Oak trees
- Weeping willows
- Northern Catalpas
- American Sweetgums
- Tulip Trees

Understory trees, such as:

- Dogwoods
- Redbuds
- American Hornbeams
- Eastern Red Cedars
- American Hollies
- Witch Hazels

Groupings of shrubs, such as:

- Ninebark
- Spicebush
- Blueberry
- Summersweet
- Serviceberry
- Native viburnums

*The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.
The second -best time is now. --Anonymous*

YES, I want to sponsor the purchase, planting and maintenance of a tree or group of shrubs in Wilton. Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$1,000 made payable to the Town of Wilton.

Plant preference:

_____ Shade Tree
_____ Understory Tree
_____ Grouping of Shrubs

Donor's Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Email _____
Name of Person Honored _____

Please mail this form with your check to:

Department of Environmental Affairs
Wilton Town Hall Annex
238 Danbury Road
Wilton, CT 06897

Please make sure to note "Tree Donation Program" on the check. A member of the Wilton Tree Committee will contact donors to discuss their tree or shrub preference and coordinate a date for planting. All donations are tax deductible.

Questions? Please contact Wilton's Department of Environmental Affairs at (203) 563-0180.

All Donated Plants Will be Native Species

Native plants are those that have grown in a particular area since before human settlement. They have adapted to the habitat they live in and offer essential benefits to the ecosystem – stabilizing soil, filtering water, purifying air, and supporting wildlife. For homeowners, they provide numerous advantages over non-native plants:

- ✓ **Refuge for Wildlife.** They are naturally programmed to produce fruit, nectar, seeds, and nuts when it's needed by the wildlife that reside in the area. By providing an ideal habitat for wildlife, they are a magnet for butterflies, birds and beneficial insects.
- ✓ **Soil and Water Conservation.** With lush foliage and extensive root systems, native plants hold water better than non-native plants. They adapt to the typical amount of precipitation an area receives, thereby helping to prevent flooding and soil erosion.
- ✓ **Lower Maintenance.** Since native plants are adapted to the specific climate of the region, they have a built-in defense system that makes them naturally more resistant to disease, drought, and pests than non-native plants. As a result, they require no pesticides and use less water and fertilizer to thrive.

DONATE A TREE IN WILTON

A Tribute That Lasts Generations



Whether commemorating the loss of a loved one or celebrating the life of another, a vibrant, beautiful tree benefits everyone in this life and for generations to come. Through Wilton's Tree Donation Program, you have the opportunity to plant a tree or group of shrubs in the name of someone you would like to honor. At the same time, your donation will also enhance the look and feel of our community. To date, more than 70 trees planted through the Tree Donation Program enrich Wilton's landscape.

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THE WILTON TREE COMMITTEE