



Salem Tree Commission's Century Tree Program



Celebrating 400 years - Salem, MA 1626 - 2026

Touch the Future – Plant a Tree!

Salem's Century Tree Program allows you to do just that. In conjunction with Salem's upcoming 400th Anniversary celebration, the Tree Commission is seeking locations throughout the city to plant tall, majestic trees that will be enjoyed by generations to come. Each tree will be marked with a special Century Tree tag.

Where Should they Go?

Can you recommend good planting sites? The trees can be planted on **private property** or **public land**. They should be visible from the sidewalk or road (within 20 feet of the property line), have adequate sunlight and space for roots to grow, be clear of overhead wires and be accessible to water.

The Tree Warden will conduct a site visit and approve sites for the annual planting. The City will plant and monitor the trees placed on private property for three years. The property owner will be responsible for watering, and after the first three years, maintaining the tree.

To suggest a location for a Century Tree, send an email to: centurytree@salem.com

Include the following information:

- Your name, email and phone number
- Indicate whether the land is private or public
- If private, identify the owner of the land
- Describe the suggested location giving a street address or nearest roads
- Explain why you recommend this location

Why Century Trees?

Research shows that large stately trees provide enormous benefits to the community, including energy savings, cleaner air, better managed stormwater, extended life of streets, higher property values and better mental health. Learn more about these benefits at:

[The Large Tree Argument-The Case for Large Stature Trees](#)

Donate!

Invest in the future! **The success of this unique program relies on contributions to:**

[Salem Tree Donation Fund.](#)

Resources on Trees

To help you choose the most beneficial tree species and locations for new trees on your own property, visit [i-Tree Design](#).