



Examples of Native Tree Species That Do Well in Milton

- American Beech
- Red Maple
- Blackgum
- Southern Sugar Maple Oak
- Southern Crabapple
- Oak (Quercus species)
- Flowering Dogwood
- Common Persimmon
- American 'Princeton' Elm
- Loblolly Pine
- Hickory
- Eastern Redbud
- American Holly
- Eastern Redcedar
- Eastern Hophornbeam
- Sycamore
- American Hornbeam
- Sparkleberry
- Black Locust
- Black Walnut
- Cucumber Magnolia
- Common Witchhazel
- Sweetbay Magnolia
- Sassafras



**Want to help the planet?
Then plant a tree – then care
for it so it thrives.**

Learn more about Milton's
tree planting initiative at
www.cityofmiltonga.us/PlantMilton

Learn about the City's
tree removal guidelines at
www.cityofmiltonga.us/TreeRemoval

Contact the City Arborist at
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Plant!

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**Our mission is to engage,
educate and encourage
Milton citizens, community
groups and businesses
to plant trees, increasing
the tree canopy and
thereby enhancing the
quality of life in Milton.**



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



Choosing and Planting a Tree

- Go to a local nursery
- Choose a tree type that does well in Milton
- Consider factors related to where it will be planted (sun, moisture, proximity to other things) and how it will grow

Nursery stock types:

Bare Root - no soil around the roots

- + **Pros:** Affordable, easy to transport
- **Cons:** Limited options, planting season

Containerized - grown in a container

- + **Pros:** easy to store, more variety
- **Cons:** circling roots, transplant shock

Balled/burlapped - ball of soil by roots

- + **Pros:** stable, larger sizes, roots fast
- **Cons:** expensive, hard to transport

Planting your tree:

- Prep hole 2-3 times wider, but not deeper than root ball
- Put tree straight so root flare is soil level or slightly higher
- Ensure seedling roots are untangled, spread out
- Gently fill, pack soil to eliminate air pockets



Caring for Your Planted Tree

Immediate care:

- Remove any tags, labels, or stakes
- Generously water the tree
- Spread 2-4 inches of mulch around the base of the tree, leaving a mulch-free area 1-2 inches from the trunk
- Resist the temptation to do any structural pruning (beyond clearly damaged limbs) right after planting
- Do not fertilize

Afterward:

- Water generously during the tree's first two years, when its more susceptible to heat and drought
- Know how much water that tree species needs
- When pruning, use the proper technique to keep your tree healthy
- Inspect your tree regularly, knowing the signs of when it may be in bad health
- If you have questions, consult a trained arborist



FAQs About Trees

What vital roles do trees serve?

- Filter the air and give off oxygen
- Reduce noise and glare
- Provide wildlife habitat
- Reduce stormwater runoff
- Provide shade and cooling

When is the best time to plant them?

- From November-February in Milton, when the weather is cooler and most trees are dormant

How can I learn more about trees?

- Talk to an arborist or expert at a nursery
- Find information online on reputable sites like **ArborDay.org** or **treesaregood.org**
- Follow the City of Milton's Facebook page for eye-opening facts in our **"Ask the Arborist"** feature



If you have a tree-related question, email askthearborist@cityofmiltonga.us.