

NEWS RELEASE

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City to offer tree vouchers to residents

Popular partnership returns for limited time

Summary

Continuing the successful partnership with Green Thumb Garden Centre, the City of Nanaimo will once again provide residents with affordable trees for planting on their property.

Starting Wednesday, October 3, 2018 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., \$20 tree vouchers will be available for purchase in the Service and Resource Building located at 411 Dunsmuir Street. The vouchers can then be redeemed at Green Thumb Garden Centre for a designated tree worth up to \$75 in value.

Strategic Link: n/a

Key Points

- A total of 150 vouchers will be available on a first come, first serve basis.
- Vouchers will be limited to two per property per year and available for owners of properties within the City of Nanaimo only. Proof of residency or photo ID may be required.
- The vouchers must be redeemed before December 16, 2018.

Quotes

"Trees in a city provide many social, economic and environmental benefits. A healthy urban forest canopy provides critical habitat for wildlife, reduces the impacts of global warming, provides storm water abatement, increases property values and helps define the character of the city. One mature tree can sequester over 50lbs of carbon in a year and produce enough oxygen for two adults. Protecting our existing trees and planting new ones is one of the best things we can do for future generations."

Patrick McIntosh
Urban Forestry Coordinator
City of Nanaimo

"Offering the tree voucher program is important in raising awareness about the value of trees in our city for cleaning our air, purifying our water and creating space for our wildlife to thrive."

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