

TREE CITY USA® APPLICATION

Select one: First Time Applicant OR Recertification



TREE CITY USA status is awarded for work completed by the community during the calendar year. Please contact your State Urban Forestry Coordinator for your state's deadline, mailing address and any additional information required by your state. The common deadline is December 31 but can vary by state. Completed applications with attachments can be mailed to your State Urban Forestry Coordinator. All fields below are required to be filled out for your application to be approved.

Community Information

Community Name (as it should appear on recognition materials) _____

Community Website _____

Mayor or Equivalent

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Professional Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number (ex. 402-473-9553) _____

City Forestry Contact: Person who is responsible for completing and answering questions about this application.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Professional Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number (ex. 402-473-9553) _____

Standard 1: Tree Board or Department

Frequency of Tree Board Meetings: Weekly Bi weekly Monthly Quarterly Semiannually Annually

Chairperson: If your city or town has a Tree Board, list your chairperson or head board member. If your city or town doesn't have a Tree Board, list your city department or manager.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Professional Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number (ex. 402-473-9553) _____

Other Tree Board Members or Staff

Full Name _____ Email Address _____

Full Name _____ Email Address _____

Full Name _____ Email Address _____

Full Name _____ Email Address _____

If additional Tree Board members are needed, please attach.

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Standard ②: A Community Tree Ordinance

Date Current Tree Ordinance was established _____

NEW Applicants (required): Current ordinance is attached.

RECERTIFICATIONS: Our ordinance as last submitted is unchanged and still in effect.
 Our ordinance has been changed. The new version is attached.

Standard ③: A Community Forestry Program with an Annual Budget of at Least \$2 per capita

Community Population _____	To review program standards and application resources, visit arborday.org/treecity .
Tree Planting and Initial Care	\$ _____
Tree Maintenance	\$ _____
Tree Removal.....	\$ _____
Management	\$ _____
Utility Line Clearance.....	\$ _____
Volunteer Time (in hours)	_____ Hours
Other (please explain)	\$ _____
Total Community Forestry Expenditures.....	\$ _____

Please attach Annual Work plan (if required by your state) and supporting budget documents.

Trees Planted _____ Trees Pruned _____ Trees Removed _____

Standard ④: Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation

Date of observation _____

Proof of Arbor Day event is attached (activities, photos, and/or news coverage). Signed Arbor Day Proclamation is attached.

Mayor or Equivalent Signature _____	Title _____	Date _____
Application Certification To Be Completed By The State Forester:		
Community: _____		
The above named community has made formal application to this office. I am pleased to advise you that we reviewed the application and have concluded that, based on the information contained therein, said community is eligible to be certified as a Tree City USA community, having in my opinion met the four standards required for recognition.		
State Forester Signature _____	Title _____	Date _____

Mail completed application with requested attachments to your state forester no later than December 31 (unless your state has instituted a different deadline.)



TREE CITY USA
An Arbor Day Foundation Program

*** OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION ***

WHEREAS in 1872, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture established a special day to be set aside for the planting of trees, *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 be a solution to combating climate change by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating and cooling costs, moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, producing life-giving oxygen, and providing habitat for wildlife, *and*

WHEREAS trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products, *and*

WHEREAS trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, *and*

WHEREAS trees — wherever they are planted — are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, _____, Mayor of the City of _____, do hereby proclaim _____ as **ARBOR DAY**

In the City of _____, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, *and*

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

DATED THIS _____ day of _____,

Mayor _____