Memorial Tree Program

The University of Texas at Austin welcomes the purchase of trees to provide living tributes to individuals or groups associated with the university. Planting of trees by individuals or organizations is facilitated through the Memorial Tree Program administered by the university Urban Forester and the Landscape Services section of Facilities Services.

Individuals and groups may initiate the memorial tree process by submitting the application inside this brochure. Applicants may request specific locations and species. Spacing requirements, irrigation, future university improvements and utilities may affect the final tree selection and location. The university forester reviews each request and communicates with the donor to ensure acceptable results.

When finalizing a tree location, the university practices due diligence in investigating future university growth, planning and infrastructure maintenance. However, the university reserves the right to remove or relocate trees in an unforeseen circumstance. If a tree cannot be relocated due to restrictions such as size, the tree will be removed and replaced with a new one.

A certificate suitable for framing can be sent to the purchaser or honoree. An online campus map and database are made available, noting the location, species, donor and honoree. Plaques or other displays are not permitted, but a university plaque commemorating each tree is planned for the future.

The cost for each memorial tree includes procurement and installation of a 2" caliper (30 gallon) tree by the Urban Forester and Landscape Services staff. A planting and dedication ceremony can be provided by request during work hours.

The university procures and plants trees in the appropriate season. During the establishment period (about three years) staff closely inspect, monitor and maintain the trees, replacing any that are damaged or dead. Over time trees are transitioned and attended to in accordance with current campus practices and standards.

See application form inside this brochure for more details.
Specific species may eventually be determined by spacing restrictions, site conditions, utilities, irrigation availability, care requirements and future university improvements.

Trees supplied are all 30 gallon – approximately 2 1/4 inches in diameter and 10-12 feet tall depending on species.

Planting is done by university Landscape Services staff. A planting ceremony can be provided during working hours at no additional cost.

Trees are procured and planted in the appropriate season and are closely monitored and maintained during the three-year establishment period to ensure their health. Trees are replaced in instances of damage or death. Over time they are attended to in accordance with current campus practices and standards.

Although plaques or signage are prohibited with the plantings, a certificate suitable for framing can be sent to the purchaser or honoree. Eventually, the university will install a memorial plaque similar to the one shown here to commemorate all plantings.