

Tree Rebate Program

Help grow our urban forest by planting a tree! The City offers a maximum of one rebate for the owner of a residence or business who wishes to plant a tree on their property. The rebate amount is for a maximum of \$50, subject to these conditions:

- This offer is only for businesses or owners of existing properties located within City of Parksville municipal boundaries.
- Trees must be planted in the ground on private property to be eligible; trees may not be planted on City boulevards, rights-of-way, or any other location. Trees in pots or containers are not eligible.
- Any tree or fruit tree that will attain a mature height over 4.9 metres (16 feet) is eligible for a rebate. Shrubs, bushes, and other plantings are not eligible.
- The rebate is for the purchase of **one tree up to a maximum of \$50**. Planting costs are not eligible.
- Property owners may apply for one rebate per property per calendar year.
- Rebates will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis until funding is exhausted.

Those wishing to apply for a rebate are required to complete an application form and provide proof of purchase and planting. The application may be obtained from the City's <u>website</u>.

Trees can reduce stress levels and fatigue, calm traffic; provide privacy, emphasize views or screen out unsightly views; enhance architecture; increase property values; moderate the environment; improve air quality; and reduce storm water runoff. As trees offer numerous community benefits, this rebate is offered to encourage the growth of an "urban forest" in Parksville and it's a great time of the year to consider planting a tree on your property.

For more information, please contact the operations department at 250 248-5412; ops@parksville.ca

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