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The Bureau of Environmental Services works with Portland residents and businesses to protect water quality, public health, and the environment through wastewater collection and treatment, sewer construction and maintenance, stormwater management, and stream and watershed restoration.

Revise Administrative Rule for the Treebate Incentive Program

Portland's Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) is proposing to amend ENB-4.23, administrative rules governing the BES Treebate Program, to improve program performance and accessibility. The Treebate Program provides a financial incentive to Portland residents to plant trees in their residential yards. The Treebate Program has been active since 2009.

Public comment on the proposal will be accepted from 8 a.m. Wednesday, May 16, 2018 through 5 p.m. Friday, June 15, 2018.

See below for more details.

What are the goals of this rulemaking?

The City of Portland is committed to effective, efficient, and equitable service delivery. The Treebate Program provides a one-time utility bill credit for tree planting in residential yards. The proposed changes to ENB-4.23 will make it easier for Portland residents to qualify for Treebate credit and will make the Treebate Program more straightforward to administer. The proposed changes will slightly increase the incentive to plant trees, decrease the size of tree that must be planted to qualify for the Treebate credit, create a new category of trees eligible for credit (fruit trees), and establish a minimum tree width to decrease the number of applications for ineligible shrubs.



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Why should Portland encourage its residents to plant trees?

The Treebate Program supplements other Bureau tree initiatives to help plant trees on eligible properties in the City of Portland. The benefits of such investments include reduced stormwater runoff, increased evapotranspiration and groundwater recharge, increased filtering of air pollutants, the sequestering of carbon to reduce greenhouse gases, the stabilizing of soils to reduce erosion, community enhancement, and improved conditions for human and watershed health.

How can I view the proposed rules?

The proposed rules will be posted online at <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/article/684396>.

How do I submit comments on this rulemaking?

Public comments on the proposal will be accepted from 8:00 a.m. on May 16, 2018 to 5:00 p.m. on June 15, 2018. Please submit comments in writing by emailing them to Rachele Altman at rachele.altman@portlandoregon.gov.

Will a public hearing on the rulemaking be held?

A hearing on this rulemaking will be held by request only on Thursday, May 31, 2018, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Pettygrove Room, City Hall, 1221 SW Fourth Avenue. The City will cancel the tentative hearing if it receives no hearing request by 5:00 p.m. on May 25, 2018, and will post a cancellation notice at

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/76903>. A person may request a hearing by sending an email to rachele.altman@portlandoregon.gov or calling 503-823-7767.

How do I get more information about this rulemaking?

The proposed rules, this fact sheet, and any updated information about the rulemaking for ENB-4.23 will be posted online on BES's website at <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/76903>. You may also email rachele.altman@portlandoregon.gov or call 503-823-7767 for more information.

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