



Do you love trees? Do you want to green your neighborhood? Become a Neighborhood Tree Steward!

Train weekly September 22 – October 20, 2018

Volunteer 40 hours for trees after graduation

Interest forms due August 8, 2018

What is a Neighborhood Tree Steward?

The Neighborhood Tree Steward (NTS) program trains participants to care for our community trees. The program includes five classes and hands-on workshops. Stewards learn the basics of tree biology, tree identification, proper planting and maintenance, tree regulations, and how the benefits of trees are intertwined into the lives of people.

Participants gain the knowledge, skills, and confidence to be stewards of Portland's forest. Stewards put their new skills to use planting and pruning trees, organizing, advocating, and greening their neighborhoods. Stewards commit to volunteering 40 hours in their neighborhood after graduation.

Why care for our community's trees?

Portland's trees work hard for us year-round. They provide us with clean air and water and they buffer noise and road pollution. They shade and cool our homes and streets. Communities with more trees are healthier – they have lower asthma rates, lower stress, and babies are even born with higher birth weights! The benefits of trees go far beyond their beauty.

But Portland's trees need your help. They face pressure from increased development, a changing climate, and invasive pests. Many trees are neglected and in need of pruning. A small amount of care, such as watering and mulching, can make the difference between life and death for newly planted trees. Many of Portland's lower-income and East-side neighborhoods need more trees – these neighborhoods have less tree canopy than other neighborhoods. Planting and caring for our existing trees is a big task – but one that can be done with your help!

Who teaches this program?

Portland Parks & Recreation Urban Forestry organizes the training and classes are taught by both staff and guest instructors. Our mission is to manage and ensure Portland's trees for current and future generations.



Tree Stewards in action: pruning, advocating for trees, and planting.

What do Neighborhood Tree Stewards do?

Tree Stewards become amazing resources for their communities - they organize, advocate, and link their communities with city resources. After graduation, stewards commit to volunteering 40 hours in their communities. Volunteer hours are often used to:

- Organize tree plantings
- Host pruning parties
- Lead tree walks
- Connect with neighbors to advocate for trees
- Form local tree teams to green the neighborhood
- Volunteer with many different environmental organizations

The ideal Neighborhood Tree Steward candidate:

- Is passionate about trees
- Age 16 or up
- Can attend all five class sessions
- Commits to volunteering 40 hours towards trees after graduation
- Wants to improve their neighborhood
- Is not afraid to get their hands dirty!

Application process

- Submit the program application form by **August 8, 2018** online at www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/nts or email a completed application to Daniel.Gleason@portlandoregon.gov
- Space is limited in this popular program. Applicants will be notified by mid-August of acceptance.
- Once accepted registration and payment details will be sent to you. There is a \$50 program fee that includes meals, a hoodie, and materials. Scholarships are available and no one is turned away because of ability to pay.

Dates and Location

Participants meet five times in East Portland's Hazelwood neighborhood (exact locations TBA). Class portions are held indoors. Saturday sessions include a hands-on outdoors portion, held rain or shine.

Meeting	Date	Time
1	Saturday, September 22, 2018	9:00 am - 3:00 pm
2	Saturday, September 29, 2018	9:00 am - 3:00 pm
3	Saturday, October 6, 2018	9:00 am - 3:00 pm
4	Thursday, October 11, 2018	6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
5	Saturday, October 20, 2018	9:00 am - 1:00 pm

More information:

www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/nts

Portland Parks & Recreation Urban Forestry

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Neighborhood Tree Steward Schedule Overview

Class one: An Introduction to Portland's Urban Forest

- Importance of urban forestry stewardship
- Environmental justice and equity in Portland's urban forest
- Learning to identify Portland's trees

Class two: Tree Benefits, Biology and Care

- Learn the many benefits of trees
- Basic tree biology
- Learn to prune young trees and practice with certified arborists

Class three: Portland's Tree Code and Heritage Trees

- How trees are managed in the city
- An overview of Portland's Tree Code, Title 11
- Portland's Heritage Tree program

Class four: Putting Skills into Action

- Outdoor sessions to learn about volunteer opportunities and practice urban forestry skills
- Sessions include tree inventory and mapping, school tree plantings, interpretive tree walks, organizing a tree team, and more

Class five: Future Planning, Tree Planting, and Graduation

- Create a stewardship plan to put volunteer hours into action
- Learn proper tree planting techniques
- Graduation ceremony

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Neighborhood Tree Stewards Interest Form

Complete online at <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/nts>

Or email to Daniel.Gleason@portlandoregon.gov

Due August 8, 2018

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Neighborhood:

1. Are you willing to commit to being your neighborhood's Tree Steward for one year and volunteering 40 hours for trees?
2. Can you attend all five class days?
3. Why are you interested in becoming a Neighborhood Tree Steward?
4. What groups, organizations, or interests do you represent or are you involved in? (community group, cultural group, advocacy group, etc):

5. What perspectives, experiences, or skills do you have that will help you as a Neighborhood Tree Stewards?

6. What are the biggest tree-related issues you see in your neighborhood?

7. Do you require any of the following to participate in the class? Check all that apply.

- Scholarship to cover \$50 training fee
- Translation – please list language
- Trimet voucher
- Other

8. Have you ever attended any Urban Forestry events before? If so, what?

Thank you for completing the application. Please save and include as an email attachment to Daniel.Gleason@portlandoregon.gov