Free Trees!
You want to plant trees in your community. You have limited or no funds for the purchase of trees. You do have volunteers or staff willing and able to plant trees. What is a community to do? Apply for and get free 3 gallon trees from Forest ReLeaf of Missouri’s Project CommuniTree program.

Forest ReLeaf of Missouri provides free trees and shrubs to community groups for planting projects through Project CommuniTree. All trees must be planted on public or non-profit properties. The trees are grown at the CommuniTree Gardens nursery in Maryland Heights, MO (St. Louis suburb) where they must be picked up.

Forest ReLeaf is reporting they have too many trees, over 13,000, on the property. They want you to apply so these plants can be utilized. A recent report shared they have the following species available on a first come, first served basis, and quantities of specific species vary.

- **American beautyberry**
- **chinkapin oak**
- **overcup oak**
- **smooth sumac**
- **aromatic sumac**
- **deciduous holly**
- **pawpaw**
- **spicebush**
- **arrowwood**
- **eastern redbud**
- **pecan**
- **swamp white oak**
- **bald cypress**
- **elderberry**
- **persimmon**
- **American sycamore**
- **black cherry**
- **false indigo**
- **pin oak**
- **tuliptree**
- **black chokeberry**
- **flowering dogwood**
- **red mulberry**
- **vernal witchhazel**
- **black gum**
- **gray dogwood**
- **redbud**
- **water oak**
- **black oak**
- **hickory**
- **rose mallow**
- **white oak**
- **black walnut**
- **hazel nut**
- **bitternut hickory**
- **spruce**
- **blackjack oak**
- **Kentucky coffeetree**
- **scarlet oak**
- **willow oak**
- **burr oak**
- **nannyberry**
- **serviceberry**
- **witchhazel**
- **buttonbush**
- **ninebark**
- **shagbark hickory**
- **spruce**
- **carolina buckthorn**
- **northern red oak**
- **shortleaf pine**
- **cherrybark oak**
- **Ohio buckeye**
- **silk dogwood**

Learn more about Project CommuniTree and watch for when applications may be submitted for the fall distribution season at: [http://moreleaf.org/plant/project-communitree/](http://moreleaf.org/plant/project-communitree/).

**PlantMORETrees**

The Missouri Community Forestry Council has a goal of tracking the planting of one million or more trees in Missouri from 2013 through 2020. Trees are planted all over the place, in communities along streets, in parks, yards, in rural plantings for wildlife, timber production, and crops like black walnuts. The question was how were they going to collect this information from individuals, private nurseries, city governments, and more.

In conjunction with Forest ReLeaf of Missouri providing the conduit, TRIM grants from the Missouri Department of Conservation, and the tech mastery of Plan-it Geo, an interactive online mapping program was created and is now available. If you have planted trees in 2015, 2016, or 2017 and as you plant more through 2020, you are being asked to record your planting efforts online with the PlantMORETrees web application. The application is flexible enough to map individual trees or record groups of trees by yard, street, park, city, or field. Take a little time, record your trees and let others know trees are important to all of us.

Record your trees at: [https://pg-cloud.com/PlantMORETrees](https://pg-cloud.com/PlantMORETrees)
Website review - OutsideCareers.org
I keep hearing about companies and communities having difficulty finding future employees. The Tree Care Industry Association has developed this website to assist you with resources. The site has multiple videos of people in the industry. They explain what they do, why they became an arborist, and discuss career development. The site also discusses education needs of positions, and a jobs board to help find open positions. When looking for new staff or directing someone to the field, this site can help. See it at: www.outsidecareers.org.

Nantucket pine tip moth (Rhyacionia frustrana)

Nantucket pine tip moth is not a common pest in our area due to few pines being planted, but can be a severe pest of Austrian, Scotch, mugho, and shortleaf pines. Damage is caused by the larva feeding first on the base of needles, then the bud, and finally down the shoot. Confirmation is done by looking for the larva, pupa, and/or tunnels in the shoot. At least three generations a year occur. Treatment involves cutting off damaged tips and then utilizing a pheromone trap to detect adult moth emergence. Sprays are applied 14 days after adult peak emergence of the first generation, and 5 to 10 days after the peak emergence of the next generations. Remove and destroy all damaged tips in the fall. The larva overwinter in these damaged portions of the tree.

September 19
SWMCFC meeting, 8:30 - 10 AM, MDC SW Regional Office, Springfield, MO.

September 20
Saluting Branches, Springfield, MO, Registration and information at: www.salutingbranches.org

September 21
JMCFC meeting, 7 - 9 AM, Wildcat Glades Conservation & Audubon Center, Joplin, MO.

September 26 - 28
Trees & Utilities Conference, Kansas City, MO, Registration and information at: www.treesandutilities.org

October 3 - 4
Growing Sustainable Communities Conference, Dubuque, IA, Registration and information at: http://www.gscdubuque.com

October 17
SWMCFC meeting, 8:30 - 10 AM, MDC SW Regional Office, Springfield, MO.

October 26
JMCFC meeting, 7 - 9 AM, Wildcat Glades Conservation & Audubon Center, Joplin, MO.

November 13 - 14
SMA International Urban Forestry Conference and Trade Show, Tulsa, OK, Registration and information at: https://www.arborday.org/programs/pcf/partnering-event-sma.cfm

November 14
Alliance of Community Trees Day, Tulsa, OK, Registration and information at: https://www.arborday.org/programs/pcf/partnering-event-actrees.cfm

November 14
UAA Regional Pre-Conference Meeting in partnership with Arbor Day Foundation, Tulsa, OK, Registration and information at: https://uaa.wildapricot.org/event-2613533

November 15 - 16
Partners In Community Forestry Conference, Tulsa, OK, Registration and information at: https://www.arborday.org/programs/pcf/

November 18
JMCFC Pruning Workshop, 9 AM - Noon, Cunningham Park, Joplin, MO

November 21
SWMCFC meeting, 8:30 - 10 AM, MDC SW Regional Office, Springfield, MO.

November 29

December 19