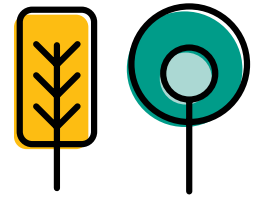


Celebrate Trees

in Honor of Arbor Day



April is here – time to celebrate Arbor Day. Arbor Day began in Nebraska in 1872 when a day was set aside to plant and celebrate trees. It is said that one million trees were planted that year. Today, Arbor Day is celebrated in some manner in all 50 states and many foreign countries. What do trees do?

Clean our air

- Trees remove pollution from the atmosphere, improving air quality and human health.
- In Chicago, trees remove more than 18,000 tons of air pollution each year.
- In Greater Kansas City, trees remove 26,000 tons of air pollution each year.

Provide us with oxygen

- One large tree can provide a day's supply of oxygen for up to four people.
- More than 20% of the world's oxygen is produced in the Amazon Rainforest.

Help clean our drinking water

- Forested watersheds provide drinking water to more than 180 million Americans.

Reduce the effects of climate change

- Trees absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen back into the air.
- During one year, a mature tree will absorb more than 48 pounds of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and give out oxygen in exchange.

Help us save energy

- Properly placed trees can reduce air conditioning needs by 30% and save 20-50% in heating energy.

Benefit wildlife

- Trees provide vital habitats for wildlife.
- Trees and forests offer shelter and range for wildlife to live and roam. The North American mountain lion has a range of nearly 400 square miles.

Help reduce crime

- There is less graffiti, vandalism and littering in places with trees as part of the natural landscape
- An increase in tree canopy has corresponded to a decrease in crime in some cities.

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