

# City of Great Bend Tree Rebate Program

PLANT A TREE,  
RAKE IN SAME CASH!



## TREE BOARD MEMBERS:

Toni Rice, President  
Lisa Whipple, Secretary  
Gary Pinkall, Treasurer  
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## STREET TREES

A street tree is a tree planted along the City right-of-way (along the City street).

No street trees other than those trees listed as small trees may be planted under or within ten lateral feet of any overhead utility line, or over or within five lateral feet of any underground water line, sewer line or transmission line. All trees must be approved prior to planting along right of ways at any intersection. No tree plantings will be allowed within an alley right of way. Small street trees must be planted at least 20 feet apart, medium trees, 30 feet, and large trees at least 40 feet. The clear space distance between the curb and sidewalk must be 4 feet for a small tree, 6 feet for a medium tree and 8 feet for a large tree. Property owners are required to call Kansas One Call (888-DIG-SAFE) prior to digging.

## PINE WILT DISEASE

Pine Wilt is an invasive disease to Kansas and gradually spreading westward into areas where the disease is not known to occur. The disease infects and kills pines that are planted in windbreaks, parks, yards, nurseries, and cemeteries. Trees die rapidly in the late summer months and the fall. The disease can be stopped by removing the infected dead tree before the next spring.

The City of Great Bend will be responsible for the free removal and proper disposal of pine trees that have been confirmed to be infected with "Pine Wilt Disease": Timing is critical to receive this reimbursement. Infected trees need to be removed and disposed of by May 1st. Please contact the Parks Department immediately (listed below) if you have a pine tree that dies suddenly (typically within 3-5 weeks).

### Pine Wilt Resistant Trees

Bald Cypress	Limber Pine
Ponderosa Pine	Colorado Blue Spruce
Southwestern White Pine	Chinese Junipers

For additional information, please contact:  
Scott Keeler, Parks Supervisor  
at the City Office 620.793.4111

## CITY OF GREAT BEND TREE BOARD INFO

The Great Bend Tree Board works as a committee to offer tree rebates to property owners within the City of Great Bend. In addition, the Tree Board promotes and presents educational community programs involving proper tree selection, planting, pruning and caring of trees. The Tree Board promotes the appreciation of trees and their benefits within our community. With the help of the City Parks Dept., the Tree Board has developed a plan to detect and control pests and diseases affecting trees within the city of Great

Bend. All of these efforts have led to a nationwide recognition for Great Bend. The Arbor Day Foundation has honored Great Bend as a "Tree City USA" every year since 1981. In addition, Great Bend has been the recipient of the prestigious "Growth Award" for multiple years, and earned the title of Redbud City USA.

New members are always welcomed and encouraged. Members need only possess an interest in trees and their value to our community. If interested in becoming a Tree Board member, please contact the City Office (620-793-4111).

**Trees lower your bills and raise your property values.** Shade in the summer and a buffer against winter winds can lower your energy bills. In addition, trees raise property value of landscape homes, while adding beauty and creating a good first impression of a community.

**Breathe Easy.** Trees release oxygen and help filter pollutants out the air-as much as 7-24%-reducing respiratory illness,

**Social Benefits.** Access to trees, green spaces, and parks promotes greater physical activity, and reduces stress, while improving the quality of life in our cities and towns.

The citizens of Great Bend are fortunate that trees have been planted so that their benefits can be enjoyed today. Now is the time to continue reinvesting in the care of existing trees and the establishment of new tree plantings.



## RECOMMENDED TREE LIST

Arborvitae, Green Giant [M]	Elm, American [L]	Lilac, Japanese Tree [M]	Oak, Various Species [L]
Bald Cypress [L]	Elm, Various Species [L]	Linden, American [L]	Pear, Callery [M]
Birch, River [M]	Goldenrain tree [S]	Linden, Littleleaf [M]	Pine [L]
Catalpa [M]	Hackberry [L]	Locust, Thornless Honey [M]	Redbud, Eastern [S]
Cherry, Canada Red [M]	Hawthorne [S]	London Plant tree [L]	Spruce [L]
Coffeetree, Kentucky [M]	Hornbeam, European [M]	Maple, Various Species [M]	Sycamore, American [L]
Crabapple [S]	Junipers [M]	Oak, Bur [L]	Walnut, Black [L]

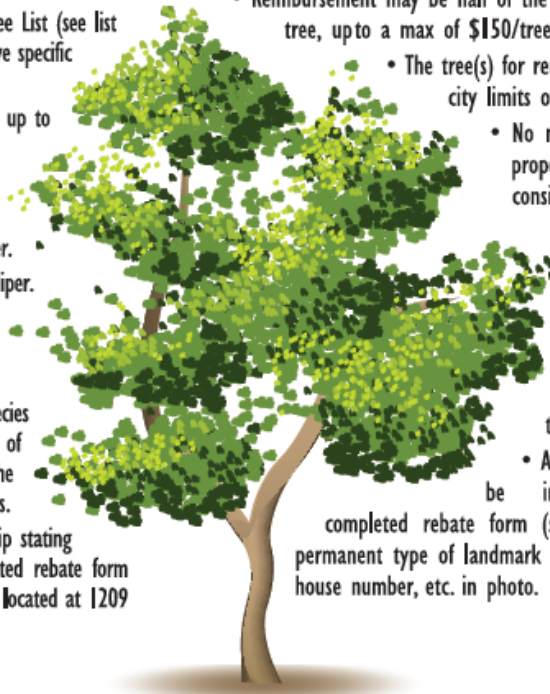
[S]=Small (10'-20')    [M]=Medium (30'-40')    [L]=Large (40'-50')

### TREE REBATE PROGRAM

For City of Great Bend

In an effort to encourage Great Bend property owners to plant new trees, the Great Bend Tree Board Committee has developed a Tree Rebate Program. This program is budgeted through the city of Great Bend and rebates will be subject to available first come/first-rebated funding. In order to qualify for the rebate, the following guidelines must be observed:

- Property for tree planting must be within the city limits.
- Trees should be a species on the Recommended Tree List (see list included on this brochure). Other species must receive specific prior Tree Board Committee approval.
- Reimbursement may be half of the cost of the tree up to a max of \$75.
- No more than two trees per property (\$150 maximum) per year.
- Trees must be purchased from an established dealer.
- Trees must be at least one inch or more trunk caliper.
- Trees must be planted in residential yard. Other locations must receive specific prior Tree Board Committee approval.
- The Tree Board will have final approval of the species of the tree, final location and the proper planting of the tree, and rebate requests will be subject to the most current program regulations and tree varieties.
- To receive rebates, purchasers must present sales slip stating the type, size and cost of the tree and a completed rebate form (see attached) to the City of Great Bend Park Dept. located at 1209 Williams St., Great Bend, Ks.
- Optimal planting time is between Oct. 1 - May 31



### DEAD TREE REMOVAL REBATE PROGRAM

For City of Great Bend

The City of Great Bend and the Tree Board have budgeted a sum of money to help beautify the city by encouraging the removal of dead trees. This program is budgeted through the city of Great Bend and rebates will be subject to available first come/first-rebated funding. In order to qualify for the rebate, the following guidelines must be observed:

- Reimbursement may be half of the cost of removing a dead tree, up to a max of \$150/tree.
- The tree(s) for removal must be within the city limits of Great Bend.
- No more than two trees per property will be considered/year.
- No payment will be made on stump removal.
- The contractor hired to remove the tree must be licensed by the City of Great Bend.
- A photo of the tree must be included along with completed rebate form (see attached). Include a permanent type of landmark such as a part of house, house number, etc. in photo.

### TREE REBATE/DEAD TREE REMOVAL FORM

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Residential Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Work Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Purchased / Removed (circle)

Location on Property \_\_\_\_\_

Species \_\_\_\_\_

Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Dealer \_\_\_\_\_

Complete only the above portion of this form and attach a copy of your receipt and tree tag that clearly identifies each tree by common name or scientific name.

Mail or Deliver to:  
 City of Great Bend Park Dept.  
 1209 Williams St  
 Great Bend, Kansas 67530

Site Check: \_\_\_\_\_

Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Not Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Rebate \_\_\_\_\_

Rebates will be approved subject to the availability of funds. All requests for rebates must be received within the calendar year for which a planting or a removal occurred.