

# Edible Trees

## *Planting Fruit & Nut Trees for the Community*

The purpose of the Edible Trees program is to offer funding of up to \$4,000 and other resources for community-based projects that provide residents with access to fresh fruit and nut trees while making a positive difference to the Canadian environment including:

- ✓ Provide shade
- ✓ Absorb and deflect solar radiation
- ✓ Improve air quality
- ✓ Absorb and filter water
- ✓ Create habitat for wildlife

Funding is available, but not limited to, community gardening groups, community housing projects, schools, parks and arboretums. Applications are available for [download here](#).

### **Important Dates**

All applications must be received by February 28, 2012.

Final Reports and projects must be completed by September 30, 2012.

*Note:* The number of projects will be based on available funding. In 2012 it is projected that approximately 15 projects will be funded.

### **Application Criteria**

Tree Canada will consider projects that meet the following criteria:

- Increases equitable access to healthy food
- Strengthens communities by empowering neighbours to share in the harvest and care of city-grown food resources
- Benefits the local community by providing access to the trees and their fruit by the public ( i.e. food banks, volunteers, community kitchens)
- Meets the needs of the community and includes creative plans for the produce grown
- Takes place within a geographic area suitable for growing fruit and nut trees
- Protects and preserves the Canadian environment
- Assists residents in understanding and participating in environmental activities in local communities.

### **Contributions will not be made towards the following:**

- Projects on private residential property;
- Lobbying or advocacy activities;
- Projects completed before the application is reviewed;
- Projects taking place outside of Canada;
- Salaries (where salaries represent a significant proportion of the total amount requested);
- Projects that benefit individuals or businesses.

**Eligible Project Costs may include:**

- Site preparation
- Calliper tree(s) purchase
- Materials (guards, mulch, stakes, mycorrhizal fungal associate)
- 3-year maintenance fund
- Site supervision and assessments
- Workshop delivery

**Application Evaluation**

Tree Canada staff review the Edible Trees applications and make recommendations for funding support according to the established guidelines. They are evaluated on the following basis:

- **Innovation:** Demonstrated understanding of the purpose of the program and in designing a creative program that promotes innovative practice.
- **Community Involvement:** Demonstrated ability to involve the community, other not-for-profit organizations and volunteers.
- **Technical Expertise:** Demonstrated capacity that the expertise is present or can be sought to guide the applicants in its efforts. Grant recipients may be encouraged to use a portion of their funding to include an educational component.
- **Promotion:** A commitment to publicize the Program, including program partners, Tree Canada and Funders, in a variety of ways that may include a launch event, press release and reaching out to local print media.
- **Evaluation:** That a system is in place at the community level to evaluate the success of the program 3 years into the future.