

Town of Minden

## Street Tree 50/50 Cost Sharing Program

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The Town of Minden encourages the planting of street trees along the right-of-way and in the parkways within the annexed Town of Minden boundaries. Tree-lined streets provide a number of benefits to the residents of Minden. This is a 50/50 cost sharing program which may be used to remove and/or replace existing trees located within the Town right-of-way that have been determined by Town Staff to be diseased or hazardous. This program may also be used to plant trees where none previously existed.

To qualify, trees selected for removal/replacement must be planted in a designated Town right-of-way (Town will determine right-of-way adjacent to your property). The Town of Minden's Arborist will assess the condition of any existing tree(s) proposed for removal or replacement to determine if the request is appropriate. If new trees are to be planted, the Town Arborist will also assess the suitability of the proposed species type and planting site(s) of the new tree(s). There is a recommended tree species list available for review upon request.

The Street Tree Program will plant new trees once a year, generally in the October/November time period. Property owners may apply to participate in the Street Tree Program by completing a Street Tree Program application. Applications must be submitted for consideration by Town Staff no later than **April 1st** of the planting year.

Town Staff will coordinate the removal, replacement and planting of new trees located within the Town right-of-way as part of this program. It will be the property owner's responsibility to care for and maintain the tree(s) after planting. The Town's Arborist will be available to discuss with the property owner the type of care necessary to keep the tree(s) healthy. Town Staff will perform periodic health checks on the tree(s) for up to two years, and advise the property owner if additional care is needed.

Due to limited available funding, the Street Tree Program is offered on a first-come, first-served basis. For this reason, the Town Staff reserves the right to limit the scope of each individual application and the number of applications approved annually. The cost to remove, replace, and/or install new trees will be split with the applicant. The applicant must pay for their portion of the work to be completed upon approval of the application and prior to the work proceeding.