

Shade Trees on Playgrounds (STOP) Application - 2025

All applications must be submitted by 11:59 pm on September 19th, 2025.

Please use the email address of the person who will be the school's **primary** point of contact for the STOP program.

* Indicates required question

1. Email *



School information

Please enter the school name, phone number, address, county, and school district below.

2. Name of school: *

3. School phone number (please use the format "123.456.7890"): *

4. Street address: *

5. City: *

6. ZIP code: *

7. County: *

8. School district (if private school or other non-public school institution, please put "n/a"):

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Contact information for school's **primary** point of contact

Please provide the contact information for the person who will be the **primary** point of contact for the school's participation in the STOP program. Selected schools will be able to provide additional points of contact as needed (grounds staff, admin, etc.) after notification of selection.

9. Name of teacher, administrator, or other school official who will be the school's **primary** contact for the STOP program: *

10. Job title: *

11. Email address: *

12. Preferred phone number (please use the format "123.456.7890"): *

13. Description of phone number listed above: *

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- Classroom
- School office
- Personal cell phone
- Other: _____

14. Campus or building phone number (please include the extension if applicable) for contacting the school official who will be the school's **primary** contact for the STOP program if they are unable to be reached at their preferred number above (please use the format "123.456.7890"): *

Playground Information

The next questions relate to the playground where you desire to plant trees through the STOP program. For questions related to playground usage, please consider how the playground is used in a normal school year.

15. What size is the area of the playground? *

Mark only one oval.

- Less than 1/2 acre (an acre is 43,560 square feet, or about 75% the size of a professional football field)
- More than 1/2 acre, but less than 1 acre
- Larger than 1 acre

16. How many trees are currently on the playground? *

Mark only one oval.

- None
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4 or more

17. What grade levels utilize the playground? Check all that apply. *

Check all that apply.

- Early Childhood/Preschool (3-5 yrs)
- Kindergarten to 2nd grade (5-8 yrs)
- 3rd to 5th grade (8-11 yrs)
- 6th to 8th grade (11-14 yrs)
- 9th grade and above (14-18 yrs)

18. What percentage of students utilize the playground on most days? *

Mark only one oval.

- Less than 50% of students on campus
- Approximately 50% of students on campus
- More than 50% of students on campus, but not all students
- All students on campus

Curriculum Integration

19. How do you plan to involve students in tree-related lessons and projects to help promote the benefits of trees and of taking steps to reduce the risk of skin cancer? *

Tree Planting and Maintenance

Forestry Division personnel will assist selected schools with tree species selection and with determining appropriate planting locations. Schools will be responsible for arranging for volunteers (such as community members and/or students who can safely utilize shovels) and/or school staff to dig the holes where the trees will be planted. For most trees, the holes will only need to be about 18-22" deep and about 48-54" wide, which can usually be accomplished with shovels and sweat equity. Sometimes, if the site is very compacted and/or rocky, it may be helpful to enlist the aid of a tiller, auger, or backhoe to break up the soil.

Holes will need to be dug within a day or two prior to the ceremony date and should not be dug until the school has verified by calling 811 that digging will not interfere with any infrastructure such as sewer, underground fiber, gas lines, etc.

20. What is your plan for digging the tree-planting holes on your campus prior to the tree-planting ceremony? (Who, when, what equipment, etc.) *

21. Who will primarily be responsible for tree care and maintenance after the trees are planted? *

22. Trees will need frequent watering in the first years after planting. What is your plan for watering the new trees over summer break and other extended breaks? *

23. Please use this space to tell us anything else you want to share about your plan for participating in the STOP program if selected. *

24. Has your school or another school in your district previously participated in the STOP program? *

Mark only one oval.

- No
- Yes, our school has previously participated in STOP
- Yes, another school in our district has previously participated in STOP
- Not sure

Please indicate your understanding of the following criteria for schools selected for the STOP program:

STOP Workshop

Each selected school's contact person for the STOP program (or his/her designee) must attend an online workshop on October 7th. The session will last no more than 2 hours, depending on questions, and will be scheduled during the school day, either between 9-11 am or 12:30-2:30 pm. If no one from a selected school attends the online workshop that day, the school may be asked to forfeit the opportunity to participate in STOP this school year.

25. Is school administration aware that the school's contact person for the STOP program (or his/her designee) must attend an online workshop on October 7th? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes, my administration is aware of the mandatory online workshop on October 7th.
- Administration is not yet aware of the mandatory online workshop on October 7th.

Ceremony & Tree Planting

Schools and Forestry Division personnel will collaborate on selecting a suitable date for the tree planting ceremony and planting. All students on the campus should be allowed to attend the ceremony and participate in the tree planting.

26. Is school administration aware that a tree-planting ceremony should be held prior ^{*} to December 19th, 2025, and that all students should be allowed to attend and participate?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes, my administration is aware of the requirement for a ceremony.
- Administration is not yet aware of the requirement for a ceremony.

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