

## What Can I Buy with my Grant?

The following list provides a guideline of eligible and ineligible expenses for Tree Canada's Community Tree Grants. If you have questions about eligibility or do not see an item on the list, please consult with your Program Manager before purchasing.

### Eligible Expenses:

- The purchase of trees and woody shrubs
- Materials related to the installation or health of the plants such as tree guards, mulch, soil, stakes, mycorrhizae fungal associate;
- Maintenance materials such as gator bags or irrigation equipment if installed at the same time the trees are being planted;
- Multi-year maintenance fund to be paid out in the first year (e.g., contractor to provide ongoing watering, mowing, pruning for 3 years)
- Site preparation related to the planting such as grading, bed preparation, hole digging / auguring
- Educational and/or promotional materials to inform the community on the project such as educational signage, workshop, flyers, etc.
- Costs associated with purchasing the plant material such as taxes and delivery

### Ineligible Expenses:

- Projects on private residential or commercial property;
- Invasive species or Ash trees (*Fraxinus* spp.);
- Removal of large areas of concrete or modifications to existing infrastructure
- Hard landscape components such as irrigation (if trees are not being planted), paving, infrastructure, benches, etc.;
- Work completed before the project was approved to receive funding;
- Salaries for planning and administration (where salaries are more than 15% of the total grant amount);
- Parties, BBQs, food, or drinks;
- Projects that benefit individuals or businesses;
- Projects taking place outside of Canada;
- Lobbying or advocacy activities