

What Can I Buy With My Grant From Tree Canada?

The following list offers examples of eligible and ineligible expenses for Tree Canada's Community Tree Grants. If you have questions or do not see an item on the list, please consult with your Program Manager before purchasing. **Ineligible items will not be reimbursed.**

Eligible Expenses

Reimbursed up to 100% of grant:

- Trees and shrubs, including fruit- and nut-bearing ones.
- **If purchased alongside trees and shrubs;** herbaceous plants (groundcovers, flowers, grasses, vines), other edibles (vegetables, medicinal plants); and other native or non-invasive planting material.
- Plant material acquisition costs: Includes taxes, delivery, and professional installation.
- Site preparation: invasive species removal and installation of irrigation systems.
- Plant care materials: Soil, compost, mulch, stem guards and mycorrhizae fungal associates.
- Project maintenance materials: Watering equipment, tree fencing, tools (shovels, trowels, wheelbarrows).
- Multi-year maintenance fund: Contractor fees for first three years of watering, mowing, and pruning.
- The renting of machinery such as lawn mowers, woodchippers and tree augers.
- Contractors related to technical support (arborists, horticulturists, foresters)

Reimbursed up to 50% of grant:

- Educational or promotional materials: Interpretive signage, training workshops, flyers for planting events, bussing community members to participate in planting event.
- Stipends or honoraria for contractors providing educational content.

Reimbursed up to 15% of grant:

- Salaries or administrative costs for internal organizational support.

Ineligible Expenses

- Work completed before project approval.
- Planting invasive species or species susceptible to invasive pests. Please consult resources like the [Invasive Species Centre](#) before purchase.
- Purchase of machinery such as lawn mowers, woodchippers and tree augers.
- Hard landscaping such as paving, lawn edging, benches and decorative stones.
- Non-educational signage (plaques).
- Event costs such as food and drinks, live music, volunteer apparel.