# Yard Tree Giveaway

* This is a city-wide program run by Urban Forestry to invest in the health and strength of our communities in Portland
* Anyone that lives within city limits is eligible to receive up to 2 trees to plant in their yard. Residents of Apartment Complexes can plant with the permission of owners of the property.
* These trees cannot be part of a permit requirement nor be planted in the right of way
* This year we will host 6 events throughout the city and give away trees to people who pre- register
* If you Sign-up today, you will receive a reminder to register in Sept. You are not agreeing to a tree, this is only to remind you to register in the fall.
* Signing up in person means you are eligible to receive priority selection of trees **BEFORE** the public.
* Invest in the health of your community by registering for a tree!

# Fast Facts about Portland Trees

* Some parts of East Portland have less tree cover than other major cities like Los Angeles, New York, and Seattle
* Currently, Maple trees make up almost 28% of the city’s trees, this is less than ideal because a pest could wipe out almost a third of the trees in our city at once.
* Large, Native, Evergreen trees are important to us because the clean the air year-round and they provide the most services when they mature
  + Services include:
    - Shade during hot summers
    - They take large amounts of water out of the soil and can prevent mud slides
    - They bring nature into the city
    - The create physical barriers between pedestrian spaces and busy road
    - Trees can also reduce stress, decrease recovery time after surgery, increase concentration, and lead to other positive health outcomes.
* Trees are an important investment in our communities and trees planted anywhere benefit all Portlanders
* The value of trees only increases with time. A baby redwood cannot provide many of the benefits above but a 100-year-old redwood it can provide lots of the services mentioned above.

# Who is Urban Forestry?

* We are part of the Bureau Parks and Rec., and we manage, maintain, and protect trees throughout the city including the trees at parks, natural areas, street trees, and we promote private property planting programs like Yard Tree Giveaways