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Knox County to Participate in Tennessee Tree Day

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—The Knox County Engineering and Public Works Department Stormwater Division, in conjunction with the Tennessee Environmental Council, is helping support Tennessee Tree Day.

Tennessee Tree Day, celebrated on March 18, is the largest community tree-planting project of its kind and designed to help maintain a healthy tree canopy across the state. The goal this year is to plant 95,000 trees. Anyone can participate.

The deadline to order bare-root tree seedlings is Sunday, Feb. 26. Orders can be made <u>online</u> and a donation starting \$1.99 each is requested. Available trees include Elderberry, Flowering Dogwood, Indigo Bush, Cherrybark Oak, White Oak, Pecan, Eastern Redbud, Tulip Poplar, Virginia Pine, and Persimmon. Tree seedlings may range in size from 1- to 4-feet depending on the species.

The County's pickup site will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at UT Botanical Gardens (2518 Jacob Drive) on Saturday, March 18. If this pickup site doesn't work for you, there are a number of other Knox County pick-up sites for which orders can be placed.

Please note, cash donations cannot be accepted at the pick-up site so trees must be reserved and paid for in advance online. Only trees ordered by the February deadline will be available for pick up on the 18th.

In the event of extreme weather, trees will be available for pick up on Saturday, March 25 at the same time and place.

Knox County has participated in Tennessee Tree Day for the past eight years.

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