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Knox County to Participate in Tennessee Tree Day

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—The Knox County Engineering and Public Works Department Stormwater Division has partnered up with the Tennessee Environmental Council to support their annual Tennessee Tree Day event.

Tennessee Tree Day, celebrated on March 16, is the largest community tree-planting project of its kind and designed to help maintain a healthy tree canopy across the state. Since 2007, this event has resulted in over 924,000 native trees being planted in Tennessee and surrounding states by 100,000 residents. Anyone can participate.

The deadline to order bare-root tree seedlings is Monday, March 4. Orders can be made <u>online</u> and starting at \$1.99 each. Trees still available include Baldcypress, Black Cherry, Eastern Redbud, Cherrybark Oak, White Oak, Willow Oak, Pecan, River Birch, Shortleaf Pine, and Tulip Poplar. Tree seedlings may range in size from 1- to 4-feet depending on the species.

The County's pickup site will be from 9 a.m. to noon at UT Botanical Gardens (2518 Jacob Drive) on Saturday, March 16. 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 March 4 deadline will be available for pick up on the 16th.

In the event of extreme weather, trees will be available for pick up on Saturday, March 23 at the same time and place.

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

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