



SPEAK FOR THE TREES!

What can you do to help the urban forest?



Encourage people in your community, school and home to plan for and plant trees where there is fertile soil and space for them to grow.



Help water young trees after they are planted to encourage root growth.



If you see a sick or dying tree, get it the help it needs. If the tree is on public land, call the city and ask for the Urban Forestry department.



Inquire if you, your family or your class can adopt a tree on public land and water and maintain it to make sure it stays healthy.



Native species support greater biodiversity, including native insects and wildlife. Save seeds from native species in your community. Learn how to grow a tree from seed and ask permission from your school or the city to plant it.



Start a tree festival in your neighborhood or school to celebrate city trees.



Do a tree inventory in your area. Learn the trees' names and how to identify different species. Collect information about the size, health and location of the trees. This can help your neighborhood and city care for the trees and know when they need to be maintained or replaced. (See neighbourwoods.org for ideas and inspiration.)



Push your city to plant trees in neighborhoods that don't have canopy cover. In some cities, researchers have shown that lower-income areas have fewer trees and, as a result, fewer of the health and environmental benefits. Trees should be for everyone.



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