

PARENT FAQ'S



What kind of tree will we be getting?

- The exact species you will be receiving will be known in early April. Neighborhood Forest aims to provide native trees in all the regions we serve. Last year, we gave away [9 different species](#). We tend to provide species on a state-by-state basis and like to provide different species each year to provide variety and diversity of trees.

When will my tree be arriving and will it be shipped directly to my address?

- We aim to have the trees arrive to your school, library, or youth group leader by April 20th. If you are ordering your free tree from your child's school, your child should bring the tree home when it is distributed at their school around Earth Day (April 22). If you are ordering your tree through your library, you will need to pick up your tree from your library when it arrives. You are responsible for contacting your library and arranging for the pick up of your tree around Earth Day. While the library should be contacting you about pick up details, we encourage you to be proactive. If you are ordering your tree through a scout group, we encourage you to contact the scout leader about pick up details around Earth Day.

How do I care for my tree to ensure that it grows and thrives?

- We encourage you to walk through this [tree planting tutorial](#) and read [these instructions](#) for best practices on caring for your tree.

What if I don't have a yard or place to plant my tree? Can I plant my tree in a pot and leave it indoors?

- Ideally, you want to plant your tree in the ground, outside, in a permanent location where you can watch and care for its growth. These trees are accustomed to being outside in the elements, so if you do keep it in a pot for a year or two, be sure to keep it outside. We are looking for ways to provide something to grow for kids that do not have a yard or live in apartments. We hope to make these options available in the near future.

How does Neighborhood Forest fund all of these free trees?

- Our program is funded by [generous individuals, families, organizations, and businesses](#). We have a growing number of Neighborhood Forest Carbon Neutral Members who have opted to offset their carbon footprint for \$25 / month or \$250 / year by enabling 50 kids to plant their very own tree every year. We need just two Members in each of the communities (schools, libraries, and youth groups) we serve to fully fund our program on an annual basis. We invite you to [join our Membership!](#)

How can I offset my carbon footprint through Neighborhood Forest?

- The average American consumes 7 trees per year in wood and paper products and emits 20 tons of CO2 annually. One tree will sequester 1 ton of CO2 in its lifetime (on average). So, to go carbon neutral via trees, a person has to plant 20 trees for every year they are on the planet. Factoring in estimated tree survival rates and annual wood and paper consumption, we recommend planting 50 trees per year per person to offset an individual's tree and carbon footprint – thus the 50 trees x \$5 = \$250 / year or \$25 / month membership cost calculation.