

# Who We Are



## About Us

The Shade Tree Commission includes three Media residents appointed by Borough Council. It also includes the Borough Tree Warden who works closely with the STC along with the Public Works Director and the Borough Council Liaison.



## Mission

The STC mission is to plant and maintain a variety of shade and flowering trees within the Borough of Media to beautify and improve our quality of life. The STC meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at Borough Hall. Residents are encouraged to attend and provide the STC with comments and suggestions.



## How You Can Help

Contact us:

- Have a tree planted between your sidewalk and curb
- Request an evaluation of an existing tree
- Request advice on tree staking, fertilization or mulching
- Request help from Tree Tenders

## Contact Us

Media Borough  
301 N. Jackson St.  
Media, PA 19063

610-566-5210  
[www.mediaborough.com](http://www.mediaborough.com)  
[mbgreen@mediaborough.com](mailto:mbgreen@mediaborough.com)

## Resources

- <https://www.treesaregood.org/>
- <https://mytree.itreetools.org/#/>
- <https://phsonline.org/programs/tree-programs>
- <https://www.mediaborough.com/publicworks/shade-trees>



Scan the QR code to learn more about the Media Borough Shade Tree Commission



# Media Borough Shade Tree Commission

Planting & preserving  
Media Borough's trees

# Tree Benefits

## Urban Trees...

- Reduce stormwater runoff
- Clean our air and water
- Reduce energy costs (provide shade in summer and a natural windbreak in winter)
- Reduce noise
- Ensure safer streets with natural traffic calming
- Increase property values
- Are essential for wildlife
- Improve health and reduce stress
- Overall increase the quality of life for residents!! ([treesaregood.org](http://treesaregood.org))

## Popular Native Trees

- **Public Shade Trees**
  - Large: Willow Oak, Sawtooth Oak, Red Maple
  - Small: Redbud
- **Private Trees**
  - Large: Red Oak, Pin Oak
  - Small: Serviceberry, American Hornbeam



Visit the Media Borough website for more information



## Getting Started

### So you want to plant a tree?

First, determine if the tree will be on private or public property. Please contact the Borough Shade Tree Commission and we will evaluate the public area between the curb and sidewalk to gauge the appropriateness of the location. If the location is on private property, STC works with Media Tree Tenders to help you plant in your yard.

## Sidewalks & Trees

Correctly replacing sections of sidewalks around established trees is vital in preserving Media's tree canopy!

### Cutting through roots to replace sidewalks reduces the survival rate of trees.



Replacing sidewalks around trees with rubber pavers allows roots to grow and helps reduce tripping hazards.



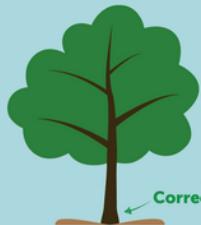
Re-route sidewalks around existing trees and install new sidewalks with tree wells to plant larger trees.

Media Borough offers a sidewalk rebate program that aids residents in repairing sections of sidewalks around trees located between the sidewalk and curb.

For more information visit:  
<https://www.mediaborough.com/codeenforcement/permit-applications>

## Proper Tree Planting

### Keep Mulch Off Your Tree Trunks!



Did you know that piling mulch against the trunk of a tree can cause disease, rot, and could kill it?

1. Plant in cooler temperatures and water frequently to promote root growth.
2. The hole should be 2-3 times bigger than the root ball and as deep as the root ball.
3. The trunk flange should be partially visible after the tree is planted.
4. Pack the soil around the base of the tree to stabilize and to ensure there are no air gaps.
5. Stake and fertilize the tree as needed.

The Shade Tree Commission oversees tree planting on public spaces, including the area between the curb and sidewalk. STC also works with Media Borough Tree Tenders to assist residents who wish to plant on private property.

**Before planning to plant a tree, call 8-1-1 or visit [palcall.org](http://palcall.org) to ensure there are no underground utilities in the planting area**