



## Tree Planting and Greening

South Dublin County Council (SDCC) recognises the value of trees in the urban environment and is committed to planting new trees to ensure that the visual amenity in South Dublin is assured for future generations.

As outlined on South Dublin County Council's Tree Management Policy, Trees play an important role in capturing and storing carbon dioxide, mitigating climate change. Trees also support adaptation to the impact of climate change through shading and food production as well as providing significant benefits in terms of air quality, biodiversity, health and wellbeing, education and the economy.

### Tree Planting Locations

The Council will adopt and advocate the 'right tree, right place' principle to maximise benefits, reduce risk and build resilience for existing, and new, trees planted.

Areas targeted for new tree planting are those where trees have been removed or where there is an identified need to increase the overall tree canopy cover. Our approach will include increasing and connecting woodland areas, 'green' corridors and networks across the County.

### Tree Inspection and Planting Seasons

The Council's Tree Planting Programme will be implemented between November and March. Potential sites for tree planting will be inspected to assess their suitability for new trees, considering factors such as services, sight lines, warning signs and traffic signals, space for future growth, etc.

### Tree Species

Species selection will take account of climate change, available space, impact on wildlife and will provide some seasonal amenity interest, such as flowers or autumn colour. The Council will establish a diversity of species to mitigate against pests and disease that can threaten entire species. Native and pollinator friendly trees will be planted to increase biodiversity.

### Effective Planting and Aftercare

The Council will adopt and advocate best practice in terms of planting practice, aftercare and protection to ensure both planted trees and naturally regenerated woodland survive and thrive.

During a long dry spell we always welcome your help in watering new trees. Grey water generated from domestic activities or collected rainwater can be used once or twice weekly for the first few years then during times of drought.

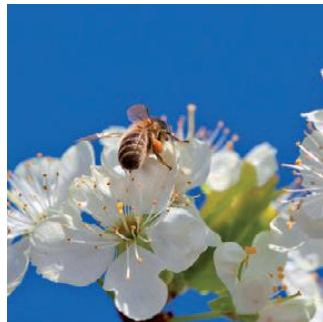
### Tree Planting Requests

SDCC welcomes suggestions for planting sites and actively encourages people to take an interest in tree planting and young tree establishment.

Requests for tree planting can be accepted at any time of the year.  
Requests can be made by contacting [info@sdblincoco.ie](mailto:info@sdblincoco.ie) or by phoning 01 4149000.

The Council will inspect the location and schedule it for planting if it is suitable for a tree. The schedule for planting a tree depends upon the availability of trees, the number of pending requests, and the length of the tree planting season. It may take longer than one planting season to fulfil a request.

We will maintain a database of sites that have been identified as possibilities for new trees and implement an annual programme of tree planting in accordance with available resources.



Thank you for your interest in trees!

