



## City Wide Tree Re-vegetation Program

The City is starting a City-wide tree revegetation program. Trees play a vital function in cleaning our air and water, providing habitat for animals and large variety of additional benefits to the environment. In order to promote these benefits, the City is offering trees, free of charge, to Black Diamond homeowners with the intent of revegetating areas in need of revegetation. Some limitations are in place in order to assure the ongoing viability of the program. These limitations include, but are not limited to:

- A maximum of 5 (five) trees over a two year period can be distributed to an individual parcel owner within the City limits of Black Diamond.
- Trees selected must be native to the Pacific Northwest (list included below)
- The applicant must submit a detailed planting plan and make a commitment to maintain the trees in order to assure adequate establishment of the trees.
- Trees are planted and maintained by the applicant. Planting must be completed during the dormant period for the tree, to help ensure survivability.
- Tree quantities and types are based on availability
- Trees are to be located in areas that would provide benefit to the surrounding environment. Revegetation of wetland, stream buffers are of high priority, but other locations are acceptable.
- The City maintains discretion on the size of trees made available for planting (standard size are 2 gallon tree specimens)
- This program will be funded by the Tree Retention Fund. The tree retention fund was established by the enactment of the City's tree retention ordinance and allows participant's to pay a fee in lieu of replanting trees removed for a variety of reasons. The intent of the program is to ensure that replanting occurs throughout the City in order to compensate for removed trees. Funds are currently available and applications will be accepted immediately.
- The program is not available to homeowners who have an obligation to replant trees due to tree cutting activities.

Applications for this program are available in the Community Development Department or on the City website. Review time frames and plant delivery range from 2-3 weeks from the time of application.

For more information, please contact Aaron Nix, City of Black Diamond, Parks/Natural Resources Director at [anix@ci.blackdiamond.wa.us](mailto:anix@ci.blackdiamond.wa.us) or 360.886.2560 x220.

### List of Native Trees for Revegetation Program

1. Douglas fir
2. Hemlock
3. Big Leaf Maple
4. Western Red Cedar
5. White Cedar