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Knox County to Participate in Tennessee Tree Day

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—The Knox County Engineering and Public Works Department Stormwater Division, in conjunction with the Tennessee Environmental Council, is helping support Tennessee Tree Day.

Tennessee Tree Day, celebrated on March 19, is the largest community tree-planting project of its kind and designed to help maintain a healthy tree canopy across the state. The goal this year is to plant 75,000 trees.

The deadline to order bare-root tree seedlings is Sunday, Feb. 27. Orders can be made <u>online</u> and a donation starting \$1.99 each is requested. Available trees include Bald Cypress, Red Mulberry, and Shellbark Hickory. Anyone can participate.

The County's pickup site will be at UT Botanical Gardens from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 19. If this pickup site doesn't work for you, there are a number of other Knox County pick-up sites for which orders can be placed.

Please note, tree seedlings may range in size from 1- to 4-feet depending on the species and only trees ordered by the February deadline will be available for pick up on the 19th. Cash donations cannot be accepted at the pick-up site so trees must be reserved and paid for online.

In the event of extreme weather, trees will be available for pick up on Saturday, March 26 at the same time and place.

Knox County has participated in Tennessee Tree Day for the past seven years.

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