

# City of San Marcos Shade Tree Rebate



*Trees offer so many benefits in so many ways. They produce oxygen and clean our air; they filter our water and prevent soil erosion; they provide food and habitat for birds and wildlife; and they add grace, beauty and value to our homes and communities. They also provide valuable shade and can significantly reduce energy costs when planted strategically around your home. The Arbor Day Foundation estimates that shade trees planted on the east, west or south side of your home can reduce summer air conditioning costs by up to 35%. The goal of this program is to encourage our customers to plant shade trees as an energy savings measure.*



## **Eligibility**

Program is open to existing single-family residential San Marcos Electric Utility customers with an account in good standing.

## **Qualifying Products**

Trees must be selected from the approved tree list, and must be at least a size #5 container (5 gallon) or larger. Trees must be planted on the west, south or east sides of your home, and must be planted within 15-35 feet of the building foundation. Trees cannot be planted within utility easements, or within 30 feet of any overhead power lines, or within 5 feet of any underground utilities. Trees must be properly planted and maintained as per the Texas Tree Planting Guide ([www.texastreeplanting.tamu.edu](http://www.texastreeplanting.tamu.edu)).

## **Rebate Amounts**

\$50 per tree, or 50% of the cost, whichever is less. Maximum of 5 trees may be rebated per address.

## **Rebate Process**

**Step 1:** Decide on the type and location for your new tree(s). If you need help check out the Texas Tree Planting Guide ([www.texastreeplanting.tamu.edu](http://www.texastreeplanting.tamu.edu)), or call us and we'll help you decide.

**Step 2:** Purchase and plant your tree(s). **Before digging, call 811 to locate any utility lines at your chosen site!** Make sure to follow the planting instructions on the Texas Tree Planting Guide ([www.texastreeplanting.tamu.edu](http://www.texastreeplanting.tamu.edu)).

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**Step 3:** Submit completed rebate application along with itemized invoices and/or receipts, site plan / aerial view showing where trees were planted, and photos of installed tree(s). Application and supporting materials must be submitted within 30 days after purchase.

**Step 4:** City staff will schedule a site inspection to verify installation.

**Step 5:** Rebate is issued as a credit on customer's utility bill.

## Additional Terms

- **Rebates are offered on a first come/first serve basis and are subject to availability of funds.**
- COSM may alter program requirements at any time without prior notice.
- COSM reserves the right to deny any application or refuse incentive payment for installations that do not conform to all program requirements, terms, rules and specifications.
- Rebated products must be installed within the COSM water service area, and must remain in use at the specified address for the lifetime of the product.
- Rebate amount is pre-tax and is for purchase of landscaping materials and installation only. Rebate is not applicable to maintenance agreements, warranties, tax or any other items.
- Applicant and contractors must comply with applicable local, state and federal regulations, and must obtain all required permits and inspections.
- **The City of San Marcos does not endorse specific brands, products, contractors or dealers; nor does it guarantee materials, workmanship, performance or durability of rebated products.**



Send completed application packet to:  
[jklein@sanmarcostx.gov](mailto:jklein@sanmarcostx.gov)  
City of San Marcos Public Services - Conservation Dept.  
630 East Hopkins  
San Marcos, TX 78666  
512-393-8310

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***Attach site plan/aerial view showing location of new tree(s), itemized invoices/receipts, and photos of installed tree(s). Incomplete applications will be returned to applicant.***

## **Customer Information**

Applicant name: \_\_\_\_\_ San Marcos electric account #: \_\_\_\_\_

Installation address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Trees to be planted by:  Homeowner  Contractor

Texas Excavation Safety System (Texas 811) reference number: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Contractor Information (if applicable)**

Business name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Rebate Information**

List type and number of trees planted:

<b>Tree Name (from the Approved Tree List)</b>	<b>How many?</b>

***I have read, understand, and agree to the City of San Marcos  
Shade Tree Rebate Program requirements and terms.***

**Electric utility customer name (printed):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_