



Dear Homeowners,

The **Ridgewood Shade Tree Commission** is undertaking a new **tree planting program, "Adopt a Sapling"**. We are beginning the project in area D (Orchard School district) and are looking for **homeowners** who would like to **participate in this pilot program**. Participation would include two things:

1. **Agreement to have a sapling of about 5 feet planted on the public right of way area in front of your home.**
2. **Commitment to fill a donut watering bag once a week or twice a week in extreme heat for about two years to keep the sapling watered.**

Watering is very important for the survival of newly planted trees. The donut wrapped around the base of the tree is designed to slowly and consistently water the sapling. The donut will be installed with the tree.

Planting is scheduled for **Saturday October 14, 2023, between 9 and 12 PM**. Prior to the planting day, the village arborist will **inspect the site** to be sure it is **appropriate for tree planting**.

If you would like to participate, you need only to sign the **agreement** below. Any concerns can be directed to the **Parks and Shade Tree office** at **201-670-5565** or **RST@ridgewoodnj.net**.

Please note all paper forms can be returned to our Parks Department at the Stable or emailed to the address above.

Thank you,

The Ridgewood Shade Tree Commission

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To: Shade Tree Commission

I agree to care for the street tree to be planted on Village property fronting my property and understand that the newly planted tree requires weekly watering during warm or dry weather to assure its viability.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____