FAQs FOR RELEAFING DAY VOLUNTEERS

WHAT IS RELEAFING DAY?
ReLeafing Day is a community tree-planting event held each year on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. NTF partners with NES, Metro Beautification, Metro Tree Advisory Committee, Metro Nashville Public Schools, Cumberland River Compact and neighborhood groups to plant power line-friendly and shade trees in yards, schools, and public spaces.

WHEN IS RELEAFING DAY?
Saturday, November 23, 2019
8:30 am – Volunteer check-in, tree-planting demonstrations
Location coming soon

WHERE WILL WE PLANT?
Neighborhoods of Gra-Mar Acres and some of the surrounding streets

DO I NEED TO REGISTER BEFORE PLANTING TREES?
Yes. When we know how many volunteers will be coming, we can make sure there are plenty of volunteers for trees. We also pre-assign tree plantings to groups, so check-in runs more efficiently. We want you to enjoy your day helping the community and Nashville become a greener and healthier place to live.

I AM NOT WITH A GROUP. DO I PLANT A TREE ALONE?
We will not ask you to plant a tree by yourself. At volunteer check-in, we will pair you with other eager volunteers who do not have a group. Please be patient as we make the pairings.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO PLANT TREES?
Our tree planting formula = a team of 3 can plant 3 trees in 3 hours. Some teams can plant more, depending on age and physical ability.

WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING WITH ME?
Please wear work clothes and sturdy shoes. If you have any digging tools, please bring those, as there is a limited supply of tools to check out. Please bring something to cut the strings and burlap around the tree’s root ball. You may also want to bring water. Remember to provide a clean work site after you leave. We will dispose of your trash if you can bring it to us.
I DO NOT KNOW HOW TO PLANT A TREE.
Do not worry! We will teach you the proper method of planting a tree. Live tree planting demonstrations will take place at the check-in location from 8:30 – 9:30 am.

I KNOW HOW TO PLANT A TREE. DO I STILL NEED TO ATTEND THE TREE PLANTING DEMONSTRATIONS?
We love that you already know how to plant a tree. However, you may learn something new from our experts or you could help others. Members of Green Shirt Volunteers - arborists, horticulturists, and landscape professionals - will be teaching you.

I DO NOT OWN TOOLS. CAN I STILL PLANT?
Yes! We have a limited supply of shovels and mattocks to loan. They will be available for loan at Croft Middle School. If you have something to cut string and burlap, please bring scissors or a pocket knife.

CAN I DROP OFF MY CHILDREN TO PLANT?
No. Volunteers under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult or leader. Most of our tree plantings will be located in the neighborhoods surrounding the check-in location so you will need transportation to those locations. A few areas are further out and will require some driving.

WHY DO I NEED TO SIGN A RELEASE FORM FOR VOLUNTEERS?
By signing the form, you are agreeing to remove NTF and their partners from any liability. Homeowners have signed a form to allow you into their yard to plant.

WILL I RECEIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS?
Yes. Please bring your paperwork and we will sign it. Volunteer time is usually 2-4 hours, depending on how many volunteers and trees there are to plant. NTF does not accept court-ordered community service, because they cannot guarantee how long it will take to plant trees.

RAIN POLICY
ReLeafing Day is a rain or shine event. In the unlikely event of severe weather, volunteers will be directed to take cover until the weather event has passed. Updates on severe weather will be posted at www.nashvilletreefoundation.org

WHO IS THE NASHVILLE TREE FOUNDATION?
Nashville Tree Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit dedicated to the health of Nashville’s urban forests. We plant trees, designate arboretums, recognize champion trees in Davidson County, and educate the public about the value of trees.

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