

Help Curtail the Spread of Invasive Trees and Vines Take Advantage of the Village's Tree Incentive Program

Chevy Chase Village is known for its beautiful tree canopy and the community is recognized as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation. This lush canopy has been a part of the Village's identity since the community's inception and it is something we actively strive to protect and enhance. Invasive trees can threaten that canopy and can also be detrimental to wildlife.

What is an invasive tree? They are species which cause harm to the ecosystem, by creating dense shade that crowds out native trees and plants or otherwise adversely impacts the environment. Invasives can overwhelm the understory, eliminating food sources and habitats for birds and pollinators. The frequently long fruiting periods mean their seeds are easily spread so that they overtake more desirable species. Some examples of better-known invasive trees are: Norway Maple, Tree of Heaven, Burning Bush, Boxelder, White Mulberry and Black Locust. It is important to note, however, that invasives are not synonymous with non-native trees.

Please help support and enhance the Village's tree canopy by refraining from planting any invasive species. If you have questions about a particular species, check with your nursery or landscape contractor.

The Village maintains a Tree Planting Incentive Program which will provide reimbursement for the planting of certain native hardwood trees, including White Ash, American Linden, Red and Sugar Maples, various Oak (White, Swamp White, Shingle, Willow, Water, Scarlet and Red), American Sycamore, London Plane, Bald Cypress, Sweet and Black Gum, American Beech, disease-resistant varieties of American Elm, Kentucky Coffee and Tulip Poplar. Trees must be two and one half inches (2 ½") in caliper or greater at the time of planting to qualify for the incentive. For more information regarding the incentive program, visit <https://www.chevychasevillagemd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/150/Tree-Planting-Incentive-Program-Outline-Application-PDF> to download the form. Once completed, forms should be submitted along with nursery documentation to ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov.

For questions regarding tree planting or removal requirements, contact Permitting & Code Enforcement Coordinator Ms. Jessica Gebhart at ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov.