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DC Tree Rebate Extended and Expanded for 2008-2009

To encourage tree planting on private property in the District during the 2008-2009 planting season, Casey Trees is offering rebates of up to \$50. Effective September 1, the program is being expanded to include nearly all non-invasive trees. Recipients must plant the tree at a residence in DC and agree to water and care for the tree. Rebate forms will be available online at www.caseytrees.org and at many area garden centers beginning September 1st.

Casey Trees, DC's nonprofit organization working to restore DC's tree canopy, is offering the rebate in cooperation with the District Department of Environment (DDOE). One of the most effective ways to reduce polluted runoff into area creeks and rivers, including the Anacostia, Rock Creek and Potomac, is by planting trees. Trees also help clean the air and their cooling shade saves energy, reducing CO2 pollution, the major contributor to global warming.

Fall is the best time to plant trees in DC. Casey Trees continues to encourage the planting of large-growing shade trees such as oaks, maples and American elms for their extraordinary environmental benefits. However, for those homes with smaller yards where large canopy shade trees are not feasible, Casey Trees has expanded this season's rebate program to include smaller flowering and ornamental trees such as dogwoods, cherries and crepe myrtles.

Trees ineligible for rebates include invasive trees such as Norway maple, Bradford pear, Sawtooth oak and Siberian elm. Ash trees are the one native tree not eligible for the rebate due to the increasing threat in this area from the Emerald ash borer.

Rebate requests must be mailed to Casey Trees by May 31, 2009.

For more information about Casey Trees and the rebate program visit www.caseytrees.org.

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Casey Trees' new address effective Sept. 1, 2008:

1123 11th St., NW #3
Washington, DC 20001

This is the interim location for Casey Trees' classroom and offices until our permanent move to the Brookland neighborhood in 2010.