

Money (and Clean Water) Grows from Trees!

Early fall is a great time to plant a tree. Not only do trees improve property value and lower energy costs, they also improve water quality. Large trees can add up to 10% to your property value, and the shade they provide can reduce air conditioning costs by up to 30%. In the winter trees provide a windbreak, which can lower heating costs 10-25%. Trees can also catch over 2,000 gallons of rain water a year, depending on size. This reduces the amount of stormwater runoff that reaches our rivers and lakes. Stormwater runoff picks up trash, sediment, chemicals and other pollutants, all of which flow directly to our water bodies. By planting a tree you not only save money, but can also help keep our water clean. For more information about trees and the benefits they provide, visit: www.mntrees.org.

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