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Tree Give-Away

January 19 at 11 a.m. until trees are gone
Agricultural Center at Discovery Gardens

Lake Soil and Water Conservation District, in partnership with the Florida Division of Forestry, will be giving away bare-root seedlings (approximately 6-18 inches) of the trees listed below.

The trees are free (one of each variety), but donations will be accepted. For more information, contact 352-253-1646, or email pletcher@ufl.edu.



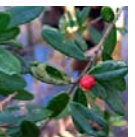
Dogwood - One of the most popular ornamental specimen trees. It is a small tree, up to 30 feet tall, but typical size is more like 15 feet. Dogwoods are among the earliest springtime bloomers.



Red Maple - Is suitable for use as a shade tree and is often planted as an ornamental. It commonly grows 40-50 feet in height and diameters of 1.5-2.5 feet.



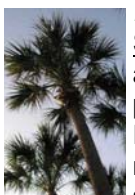
Redbud - Is a small to medium sized tree, occasionally reaching 40 feet in height, but usually stays around 20 feet. It sometimes has multiple trunks.



Myrtle Leaf Holly - This tree seldom gets more than 20 feet tall, with evergreen leaves about an inch long. The berries are usually red when ripe, and only female plants produce berries.



Slash Pine - Normally grows 60-100 feet in height, with pine needles usually 8-12 inches long. Pine needles are in bundles of two or three. The Slash Pine is intolerant of shade.



Florida State Tree

Sabal Palm - Florida designated the sabal palm as the official state tree in 1953. The sabal palm is the most widely distributed palm tree in Florida. It grows in almost any soil and has many uses, including food, medicine, and landscaping.

Source for tree information: www.floridata.com
www.statesymbolsusa.org



Lake Soil and Water Conservation District
Serving the Cause of Conservation

Established by the Florida Legislature, the Lake Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), a governmental subdivision of the State of Florida, was organized Sept. 21, 1944 by local people for the purpose of promoting and encouraging, by voluntary means, the wise use, management and general conservation of the County's soil, water, and related natural resources. It often serves as a liaison between landowners and regulatory agencies.

An elected five member non-partisan board of supervisors, who volunteer their services, governs the soil & water conservation district. Lake SWCD is staffed by three county employees. Two of these employees staff the Mobile Irrigation Lab (MIL) and are grant-funded positions.

The MIL works closely with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. The team provides free on-site evaluations of agricultural irrigation systems. Through the service, growers learn to save water by operating their irrigation systems more effectively.

The Lake SWCD, in partnership with the Florida Division of Forestry, hosts an annual tree give-away. Annual educational programs include Speech and Poster contests, Envirothon, and Land Judging competitions.

The District is committed to preserving and enhancing the quality of life in Lake County through conservation of its natural resources. To learn more, visit: www.lakecountyfl.gov/lswcd.

HOW TO PLANT AND CARE FOR YOUR TREE

- 1) Dig a hole twice the size of the roots and deep enough to hold all the roots.
- 2) Place the tree carefully in the planting hole, with the top root at soil level. Avoid bending the roots while planting and do not allow roots to become dry. Re-wetting will not revive dried out roots.
- 3) Fill planting hole with soil around the roots.
- 4) Water the tree every day for two days, then every other day for two weeks. Afterwards, water once a week.
- 5) Your county forester (360-6675) or county agent (343-4101) can assist you with proper fertilizer analysis for your particular soil type. Fertilizer will not be required for the first few months.