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Bare root trees now available from TheDCH

Affordable, lightweight, and easy to plant

New this fall: memorial trees and salt tolerant trees

WILMINGTON, Del. – From now until September 20, the Delaware Center for Horticulture (TheDCH) is accepting orders for bare root trees.

Ten varieties of trees that thrive in our region's towns and cities are available. TheDCH remains the only retail source in the State that sells bare root trees. To learn more about what's special about bare root trees, and to see a list of trees and descriptions, visit <http://www.thedch.org/what-we-do/community-trees/bare-root-trees>.

TheDCH bare root tree sale is NOT a fundraiser. The cost of trees only covers expenses for hosting the sale. In addition, bare root trees are very family-friendly. These lightweight and easy-to-plant trees are 6 to 12 feet tall, yet a child can carry them.



New this fall is a partnership with the Delaware Grief Awareness Consortium (DEGAC) to plant trees in memory of loved ones. November has been officially designated as Grief Awareness Month in Delaware. Those wishing to plant a tree in memory of a loved one can purchase their own bare root tree or, for a minimum donation of \$100, TheDCH will plant a memorial tree in Delaware and give donors a certificate suitable for framing with the name of their loved one. To learn more about DGAC, visit <http://degac.org/>

Selecting some species specifically for their salt tolerance is another new aspect of this fall's bare root tree sale. In the wake of Superstorm Sandy, it is clear that some trees can survive flooding and salt better than others. TheDCH bare root tree sale is being coordinated with Delaware's first Sea Level Rise Awareness Week, September 14 – 22. To learn more about sea level rise and the S.O.S Delaware campaign, visit <http://sosdelaware.org/>

Pre-paid bare root tree orders can be picked up at TheDCH in the Trolley Square neighborhood of Wilmington on October 22 or 23. A FREE tree planting workshop will be offered at TheDCH on October 22 from 5:00 – 6:30 PM. For best results, trees should be planted within a week to prevent the roots from drying out. Plan ahead to settle new trees in the ground by Halloween. Click here to [order bare root trees online](#) from TheDCH.

Bare root trees have many advantages over trees with a heavy dirt ball, including:

- **Bare root trees are less expensive** than a tree of similar size with a dirt ball of roots.
- **Bare root trees are lightweight and easy to manage**, making planting a fun, family-friendly activity. They are light enough for a child to carry.
- **Bare root trees have 200% more roots.** The roots are not cut when removed from their original growing spot, and more roots means better growth.
- **The planting hole should be wide, but does not need to be deep.** This makes it easy to plant in an area with hard clay soil.
- **Bare root trees have an excellent survival rate** as long as they are watered diligently for the first two years after planting.

To learn more about the **benefits of trees**, visit:

<http://www.thedch.org/what-we-do/community-trees/benefits-trees>.

Every Tree Counts

Trees planted anywhere in the tri-state region count toward the [Plant One Million](#) campaign, an initiative planting a million trees across 13 counties in Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey.

For more information about the bare root tree sale or the free planting workshop, contact Annie Acton at (302) 658-6262, ext. 106, or at aacton@TheDCH.org.

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The **Delaware Center for Horticulture (TheDCH)** cultivates greener communities by inspiring appreciation and improvement of the environment through horticulture, education and conservation. Founded in 1977, the Center's headquarters in Wilmington include public gardens, a lecture hall and an art gallery. TheDCH plants trees throughout the state and leads regional community forestry projects; supports community gardens, urban agriculture and school gardens; organizes park improvement projects; beautifies Delaware's roadsides with native vegetation; maintains the landscaping of many urban streetscapes; and provides educational programs for children and adults. For more information, visit <http://thedch.org>