

BIGTOOTH MAPLES FOR BOERNE TEXAS

Tree Adoption Guidelines

The Native Plant Society of Texas-Boerne Chapter has a limited number of maple trees to be awarded to qualifying Boerne residents, organizations or businesses for the purpose of enhancing the local landscape and establishing Boerne as a prime destination for viewing fall foliage. Included in this program are free mentors, tree planting demonstration, care instructions and supplies to help ensure the survival of each maple tree planted. All completed application forms must be received no later than October 1. Priority will be given to those applicants wanting to plant near the most visible and public locations (parks, schools, playgrounds, main entryways and roadways). Tree grants may be awarded to the same individuals or organizations more than once but applications must be resubmitted each year.

Applicant's Commitment:

- Submit a planting site that is within the Boerne city limits.
- Provide a signed letter from landowner or local officials giving permission to plant on proposed planting site if not the personal property of the applicant.
- Plant tree in a visible location so that it is visible to the public from a city street.
- Ensure planting site is safe before planting by calling "Call Before You Dig" at 1-800-344-8377. This is a free service and required by law to ensure excavations will not affect utility cables and pipes.
- Attend a free tree planting demonstration and care instruction presentation just prior to picking up tree at the designated Boerne location.
Provide all needed help to lift, transport and plant tree, being very careful not to break the root ball which can harm or kill the tree. A 5-gallon tree requires 1 strong person to lift, and digging a hole approximately 2 feet in diameter and 12 inches deep.
- Plant tree before December 31.
- Water and provide maintenance for at least the first two years after planting at which time the tree should have grown a large enough root system to survive on its own.
- Return completed application form by Oct. 1 to: Maples for Boerne, 216 Oak Knoll Circle, Boerne, Texas 78006 or email: MaplesforBoerne@aol.com

For more information, visit: www.npsot.org/wp/boerne or call Suzanne at 830-249-8240.