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## **GIVE BACK TO THE TREES THAT GIVE US SO MUCH**

*Contributions to Urban Forestry Can Now Be Made Via Your Utility Billing*

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It's quick and easy and you can help support a very worthy cause -- your Urban Forest. Just look for your City of Spokane Utility Bill and check the box labeled "URBAN FOREST" and write in the amount you wish to contribute. Your donation will help support planting of trees and provide other much-needed care for our valuable urban forest.

Spokane's Urban Forest belongs to everyone and it's a valuable asset for our community. Our trees give us shade, clean air and water, a sense of place and history, better health, and tranquility as well as providing a unique identity for Spokane.

So, make a donation to support the City's Urban Forestry program via your City of Spokane utility bill.

For more information please call 509.363.5470 or go online to [www.spokaneurbanforestry.org](http://www.spokaneurbanforestry.org)

### **About Urban Forestry**

City of Spokane Urban Forestry staff manages 50,000 street trees and another 28,000 trees on developed park land within the City of Spokane. City arborists help manage the urban forest by planting and maintaining trees throughout the City. The thinning of trees in some areas is also done to improve the overall health of various stands of trees in the City's park system. Improving the City's urban forest is an ongoing project that will take decades of work and careful management. In 2010 Spokane received its seventh year in a row designation as a Tree City USA. That program is sponsored by The National Arbor Day

Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

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