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CITY SPRITE® ZELKOVA

Zelkova serrata 'JFS-KW1' PP 20996

What is it? Come to the John A. Finch Arboretum Saturday to find out!

On Saturday, April 30, at 12 noon, a City "Sprite® Zelkova" will be planted in the Arboretum as part of the City of Spokane Parks and Recreation celebration of Arbor Day.

City "Sprite® Zelkova is compact, dense, and semi-dwarf, the perfect little tree for tight urban spaces and under utility lines.

Its summer foliage appears brighter green than typical Zelkova. Short internodes, fine textured, foliage, and a self pruning growth habit promise a low maintenance city tree.

Here are the specifics:

Zone: 5

Height: 24'

Spread: 18'

Shape: Compact oval to vase shape

Foliage: Bright green, fine textured

Fall Color: Yellow

About Right Tree-Right Place

A healthy community forest begins with careful planning. Before planting a tree, carefully consider your surroundings. Trees need space to grow both above and below ground – consider the type



of tree and where it will be located in relation to overhead and underground utility lines. Learn more about selecting the right tree for the right place at <http://www.arboday.org/trees/rightTreeAndPlace/>

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. For more information please call 509.363.5470 or go online to www.spokaneurbanforestry.org

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