AFTER ADOPTION

After you’ve adopted your tree, remember to check up on it. Research has shown that being around trees can lead to a happier and healthier life!

Spending time with your tree allows you to build a relationship with it. When you are with your tree, take the time to notice its small details. Are the leaves budding in spring or changing colors in fall? What time of year do you start to see flowers? Do squirrels, birds, or any other creatures regularly visit your tree?

Let’s keep in mind all that trees do for us. Your tree provides valuable ecosystem benefits (as you saw when you entered your tree’s diameter into the National Tree Benefits Calculator), and these benefits will continue to grow as your tree grows. Trees are pretty cool!

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1. IDENTIFY YOUR FAVORITE TREE

2. HOW BIG IS IT?

Diameter is the most common tree measurement, but to find this, you need to first measure the circumference. You can do this by wrapping a tape measure around the tree trunk at 4.5 feet off the ground. Ensure you keep the tape as level as possible.

To convert:
Diameter = circumference / \( \pi \)
[ Remember: \( \pi = 3.14 \) ]

3. WHAT DOES IT DO FOR US?

In addition to being beautiful, trees provide oxygen, capture and store carbon, catch and hold stormwater in roots and leaves, and save energy through shading in summer and blocking chilly winter winds. Use the National Tree Benefits Calculator to estimate the benefits provided by your favorite tree by entering the species, diameter, and location:

treebenefits.com/calculator

4. SHARE YOUR TREE!

Enter the tree species and diameter, ecosystem benefits, picture of you or your group with your tree, and your reason for choosing this tree into the Adopt-a-Tree webform. Find a link to the form here:

ufi.ca.uky.edu/adopt-a-tree

Don't forget to take a picture with your tree!