



# COLUMBIA TREE CALENDAR

## COMO TREE TOPICS BY SEASON

### SPRING

Spring is a good time to plant new trees. Each spring Columbia holds an Arbor Day tree giveaway in April, and Treekeepers Volunteer classes for those interested in learning about trees and tree care. Tree giveaways also take place at locally-celebrated Earth Day events.

### SUMMER

Trees can still be planted during summer, but be sure to water your trees when weather becomes hot and dry. Summer is also a good time to monitor the health and growth of your trees. Keep an eye out for pests, diseases, and symptoms of drought.

### FALL

Fall is the perfect time of year to be out appreciating the color in foliage, but did you know it's also another great time of year to plant new trees? Mulching trees in the fall is also a way to help trees retain water and reduce temperature extremes in the upcoming winter.

### WINTER

Winter is a great time to prune deciduous tree species, such as oak, locust, and some shade trees. Schedule large pruning or tree removal work while the ground is frozen to prevent soil compaction and damage to landscape. Winter is also an excellent time to look for the signs of the emerald ash borer beetle in Columbia's ash tree.

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## TREE EVENTS IN COLUMBIA

March 15: Average Day of Last Frost

First Friday In April: Missouri Arbor Day

April 22: Earth Day

Last Friday In April: National Arbor Day

October 15: Average Day of First Frost

October 15: Average Peak Fall Leaf Color

Columbia Treekeepers Program, for details visit

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