

Community Canopy Care

"When you plant a tree you plant a legacy."

- Pepper Provenzano

The Hamline Midway Coalition and its Environment Committee (HMEC) are deeply committed to growing and protecting our community's tree canopy — because a healthy, thriving canopy is one of the best ways we can care for each other, especially as we face the challenges of a changing climate.

That's why HMEC is working to build a **Community Canopy Care** program that goes beyond simply planting trees. This initiative aims to provide **free shade trees**, help with the **removal of dead or dying trees**, support **pruning and maintenance**, and offer **tree care education** to empower neighbors with the knowledge and tools to steward our urban forest. Together, we can grow a greener, cooler, and more resilient Midway for generations to come.



Picture of volunteers planting a tree in a neighbor's yard in the Fall of 2022.

Trees offer environmental, economic, and mental health benefits. Planting trees can:

- Save you money on utility bills
- ♠Shade and cool your property
- Connect us to our neighborhood roots
- >Provide habitat for wildlife and pollinators
- ✓ Improve our health and well-being



Picture of tree installation in gravel bed in Spring of 2024.

There are multiple ways you can engage with the HMC Community Canopy Care programs;

- 1. Free Tree Program
- 2. <u>Midway Tree Care Program (Tree Removal / Tree Pruning)</u>
- 3. Adopt-A-Tree
- 4. Tree Training Programs





Pictures of our tree removal program (right) in the Spring on 2025

Additional Tree Care Resources

Other HMC Program Links

- 1. HMEC Link Page
- 2. Free Trees program 2025
- 3. Tree Care program 2025 tree removals
- 4. Adopt-a-Tree 2025 focused roll-out near Hamline Elementary School
- 5. Sign up for the HMEC Newsletter

Learn about tree care practices

- 1. What is an Ash Tree
- 2. What is Emerald Ash Borer
- 3. Best watering practices
- 4. How to stake
- 5. Young tree pruning