



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
 - ☁️ Collect stormwater runoff
 - 🐦 Provide habitat for wildlife and pollinators
 - ✅ Improve our health and well-being
 - 📈 Increase property values
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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. [Midway Tree Care Program](#) (Tree Removal /Tree Pruning)
 3. Adopt-A-Tree
 4. Tree Training Programs
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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](#)