



**MEDIA ALERT**

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## **555 Trees to Be Planted in Six Outer NE Portland Neighborhoods on Saturday, March 10**

*Hundreds of residents respond to Friends of Trees' special offer of free trees.*

**Portland, Ore.** — On Saturday, March 10, homeowners and other [Friends of Trees](#) volunteers will plant 245 trees in the Argay, Parkrose, Parkrose Heights, Russell, Sumner and Wilkes neighborhoods. Following the planting, Friends of Trees' nonprofit partner, [Verde](#), will plant 310 additional trees from Friends of Trees in the same neighborhoods. The 555 tree orders were the result of an overwhelming response to a special offer of free trees to residents in some of Portland's neighborhoods most in need of trees.

Saturday's planting is a part of Friends of Trees' multi-year [Plant It Portland!](#) campaign, in partnership with Portland's Bureau of Environmental Services, to raise awareness of the need for street trees through whimsical graphics and grassroots efforts.

**WHO:** Homeowners, students from David Douglas High School and Parkrose High School, Friends of Trees crew leaders and neighborhood coordinators, and other community planters.

**WHEN:** **Saturday, March 10, Rally at 8:45-9:15 am. Planting throughout neighborhoods all morning.** Call Andrew at 503-679-9796 for planting team locations.

**WHERE:** Gateway Church, 13300 NE San Rafael Street, Portland

**WHY:** Trees reduce the amount of stormwater that flows into drains, helping prevent sewer overflows into our rivers and saving Portland \$36 million a year in stormwater treatment. Four key things "grow" on trees: better health, energy conservation, a safer community—and even money. Friends of Trees provides a permit, a tree approved by the city for the homeowner's particular planting strip, delivery, hole digging, planting assistance, stakes and follow-up maintenance. Learn more at [www.FriendsofTrees.org](http://www.FriendsofTrees.org).

Since 1989, Friends of Trees has planted more than 430,000 trees and native plants in the Portland-Vancouver and Eugene-Springfield areas.