



MEDIA ALERT

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Bicycling Crews Will Haul Trees & Tools at Biggest Neighborhood Planting to Date on Saturday, Feb. 18

More than 700 trees will be added to five North Portland neighborhoods, breaking all previous neighborhood planting records set by the nonprofit Friends of Trees.

Portland, Ore. — On Saturday, Feb. 18, [Friends of Trees](#) volunteers will plant hundreds of trees in the Cathedral Park, St. Johns, University Park, Kenton and Portsmouth neighborhoods, adding **more than 700 trees** to the five neighborhoods this year. The event will break the 22-year-old nonprofit's previous record, in which 533 trees were added to the same five neighborhoods last February.

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. The Feb. 18 planting will bring the total number of trees planted in Portland neighborhoods during the last three months to more than 3,000, setting Friends of Trees on course to plant a record-breaking 6,000 trees by the end of April. The University Park, St. Johns and Cathedral Park planting is sponsored by [Recology](#).

WHO: Friends of Trees **bicycling crews**, homeowners, University of Portland students, Recology and Rigert Shade Tree volunteers, Friends of Trees crew leaders and neighborhood coordinators, and other community planters.

WHEN: **Saturday, Feb. 18, Rally at 8:45-9:15 am. Planting throughout neighborhoods all morning.** Call Erica at 503-310-8108 for planting team locations.

WHERE: **St. Johns Christian Church, 8044 N Richmond 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. For only \$35 to \$75, 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.

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