

GET ROOTED

TREES CHARLOTTE



I AM A TREE SAPLING

Kids have a lot to gain from a beautiful, long-lasting canopy - so get involved to help ensure the trees are here for generations to come! You can help your family care for your trees, encourage your school to do a tree planting, volunteer with TreesCharlotte, and more.

To "Get Rooted," check off at least one of the action items below.

Use the hyperlinks to find educational resources on each topic to get started.

I pledge to:

Plant a Tree (or Two!)

With your parent's or school's permission, your family can sign up for a TreesCharlotte TreeAdoption to receive up to two free trees for your yard or at your school! If a TreeAdoption isn't an option, you can purchase your trees all while giving back to TreesCharlotte. Always select native and naturalized trees, and never invasives.

Grow a Seedling

The common conception is that you can only grow a tree outside, but actually growing trees inside or on a porch is a great opportunity for those with limited or no outdoor space! You can begin a mini seedling garden by growing a tree (or two!) [from a seed](#) or as a seedling. Check out [Fast Growing Trees](#) for small tree options that you can start inside.

Green Team

Does your school, camp, or other community organization that you're involved with have an environmental club (or "green team") yet? If not, consider starting one! Green teams look for ways to promote sustainable practices within their communities while also enhancing community spaces through greenification, such as planting trees, growing gardens, and building bird houses.

Speak for the Trees

It takes a city of tree advocates, to move the dial on our tree canopy from a net negative to positive. Learn more about how to [speak for the trees](#) in your neighborhood. If your school is willing and able to, you could also considering hosting an [Arbor Day celebration](#) in your community to promote the value of trees!

Help to Renovate Smartly

If your family planning on a home renovation? There are simple and effective ways to save trees from construction, including hiring an [ISA certified arborist](#), installing tree fences, and avoiding [tree damage](#). Use the ["Trees are Good"](#) Certified Arborist search tool to find your new favorite arborist!



I AM A TREE SUPPORTER

I pledge to:

CommunityWoods

TreesCharlotte partners with qualifying communities such as schools to host tree planting events. These organized events can be a great way to build camaraderie, beautify our community and add to the city's canopy. If you think your school might have plantable land for trees, we encourage you to work with your school administrators to apply for our [CommunityWoods program](#)!

Aid Pollinators

Flowering trees need pollinators and pollinators need flowers. Our bees, butterflies, and other wild pollinators can use our help in a fast growing urban environment. Creating a pollinator garden in any outdoor space at home or at school supports the health and growth of our urban forest.

Provide Education

Growing and preserving our tree canopy is a team effort! You can help us educate your school or camp on the [benefits of trees](#). You can use our [educational resources site](#) to disseminate information within your community and you can also [schedule a TreesCharlotte TreeAmbassador](#) to visit your community to talk trees.

Stewardship

Promote the health and survivability of your home or school's trees by stewarding them annually. There are plenty of kid-friendly [tree care activities](#) that you can partake in each year, including mulching, watering, and removing stakes. We do not recommend pruning for children under 16 years old, but you can share our [tree pruning resources](#) your parents or teachers and they can help in on the tree care fun!

Volunteer

We love our volunteers as they are our greatest asset. TreesCharlotte relies on thousands of volunteers each and every year to help plant, care for, and give away trees. If you're passionate about growing Charlotte's canopy, [volunteering](#) with TreesCharlotte is a great way to roll up your sleeves, get a little dirty, and have fun!

Show Off Your Tree Advocacy!

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