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PROJECT TREE AIMS TO HELP REVERSE THE TREND OF DISAPPEARING TREES AND HELP CURB HUNGER IN ALAMEDA. DO YOU NEED A FRUIT TREE TO HELP FEED YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY? OR IS YOUR YARD IN NEED OF A SHADE TREE TO SUPPORT LOCAL BEES AND WILDLIFE?

APPLY FOR A FREE FRUIT OR SHADE TREE from PROJECT TREE!

STEP 1: READ THESE PROGRAM TERMS AND CONDITIONS TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY:

- ❖ Applicant must live in the City of Alameda and have an adequate, unpaved yard or garden space in which to plant a tree (planted no closer than 15 feet from your house or your neighbor's). All of the tree varieties offered in this program will do best if planted in garden soil rather than in lawn, unless the lawn is removed from under the tree to the tree's dripline).
- ❖ Applicant must live in the home where the tree will be planted, whether a homeowner or a renter. If applicant is a renter, written permission from the property's owner is needed in order to be considered. Please don't apply if you're planning on moving within the next year.
- ❖ Applicant must agree to attend a **Project Tree** orientation on proper care of their young tree before receiving it; orientations will be held in Fall, 2016* for those receiving Citrus or Fig trees and in January, 2017* for those receiving Apple, Apricot, Plum or shade trees. On the day of planting, volunteers will be present to assist in planting the tree and to give advice and answer questions about its care. *Orientation dates TBA; **Project Tree** will do its best to try to accommodate recipients when scheduling these.
- ❖ Applicant must agree to care for the tree on a regular basis once planted, including regular watering. When it's not raining, young trees need regular watering for the first 3 years!
- ❖ The trees offered in this program are intended for direct planting in the ground—not in containers.

STEP 2: FILL IN THE BLANKS

Name _____

Home Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Landlord or Property Manager Name, phone and email (if applicable) _____

What fruit trees do you have now, if any? _____

Tell us why you need a tree: _____

Will you pledge to donate your excess fruit to the Alameda Food Bank? Yes / No

STEP 3: CHOOSE UP TO THREE VARIETIES AND RANK IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE:

Please choose up to 3 varieties in case your 1st or 2nd choice is not available. Do not select a tree for 2nd or 3rd choice unless you are prepared to accept it.

- _____ **FUJI APPLE** – Semi-dwarf; will reach 12' to 16' high. Fruit is sweet, very crisp and flavorful, excellent keeper. Ripens mid-September.
- _____ **GALA APPLE** – Semi-dwarf; will reach 12'–16' high. Fruit is crisp with nice blend of sweetness and tartness, rich flavor. Ripens late summer.
- _____ **BLENHEIM APRICOT** – All-purpose freestone. Sweet, aromatic, flavorful; the long-time No. 1 apricot in California. Early bloom. July harvest. Height up to 20' high.
- _____ **WHITE GENOA FIG** – Old variety, a favorite in cool coastal areas. Greenish-yellow skin, amber flesh, distinctive flavor. Prune to any shape.
- _____ **"OWARI" SATSUMA MANDARIN** – Naturally small tree; 10 – 15' high and wide at maturity; medium-sized to large fruit; sweet, usually seedless, easy-to-peel. Ripens Dec. to Jan. Year-round full sun recommended.
- _____ **TROVITA ORANGE** – Semi-dwarf; grows to about 10' high. Spring ripening. Good orange for coastal areas. Few seeds, thin skinned fruit, heavy producer and excellent flavor. Year-round full sun recommended.
- _____ **SANTA ROSA PLUM** – Semi-dwarf, but can reach 25' high. Most popular plum in California. Juicy, tangy and flavorful. Reddish purple skin, amber flesh tinged red. Early July harvest.
- _____ **PURPLE-LEAF PLUM (*Prunus cerasifera*)** – Shade / landscape tree with little to no fruit. Mature height about 20'. Utility-friendly tree with non-invasive roots and good fire resistance. Light pink blossoms in late winter and dark red foliage in spring/summer/fall.

Please take note that we will have a limited number of trees available; some applicants might not receive a tree.

STEP 4: SIGN AND DATE APPLICATION

Full name _____

Date _____

*By signing and submitting this application, you agree to abide by **Project Tree's** terms and conditions as stated on the reverse of this application, as well as judgment calls and decisions made by **Project Tree's** representatives. You also recognize that while **Project Tree** will do its best to provide you with your first choice of fruit tree variety, you may not receive your first or even second choice and instead receive your third choice, depending on availability. In case the number of applicants is larger than our funding can accommodate, some applicants might not receive a tree.*

STEP 5: SUBMIT APPLICATION BY APRIL 30, 2016 BY DOING 1 OF THESE THINGS:

- ❁ Email scanned application as .pdf attachment to alamedabackyardgrowers@gmail.com
- ❁ Mail to Alameda Backyard Growers, 2712 San Jose Ave., Alameda CA 94501
- ❁ Bring to Alameda Backyard Growers' booth at the 2016 Earth Day Celebration at Washington Park between 10 AM and 3 PM, Saturday April 23, 2016, and hand it to an ABG volunteer.
- ❁ Sign up online: go to alamedabackyardgrowers.org to apply.