

Borough of Montvale, New Jersey is Named a Tree City USA!

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During March of this year Montvale, NJ joined the prestigious list of municipalities throughout our country who are named "Tree City USA" communities. For well over a year the Montvale Environmental Commission has been investing efforts to see their town receive this recognition.

Tree City USA is a nationwide program which provides communities with a [four-step framework](#) to maintain and grow tree coverage. "Cleaner air, Higher property values, Healthier residents, are just some of the benefits trees bring to us — and by investing in the environment and earning the Tree City USA recognition, Montvale residents will enjoy them firsthand" said Bob Hanrahan, Montvale Environmental Commission Chair. He continued "This recognition shows residents, visitors, and the entire country our commitment to the mission of maintaining and improving the environment".

Tree City USA is a program that began in 1976 as a way to make a lasting contribution during the bicentennial of our nation. It was started as a method to address the decreasing tree population within urban areas. Today over 3000 municipalities carry the designation of Tree City USA, now including Montvale!

To be designated as a Tree City USA a community must meet four standards:

- a tree board, commission or department
- a tree ordinance
- a community forestry program with an annual budget of at least \$2.00 per capita
- an Arbor Day observance and proclamation

The Montvale Environmental Commission requests residents to come out and join the celebration of this great accomplishment on Saturday, April 23 at 9:00AM to Noon at the Red Shed on Memorial Dr (Across from the Montvale Fire Dept). On that morning they will host their annual Montvale Clean-Up Day but will also be recognizing their proclaimed Montvale Arbor Day (April 29th), and National Earth Day (April 22).

In recognition of Montvale being a Tree City USA, the Borough will be giving out a FREE Tree to all residents who participate in the Clean-Up Event!

For details see montvale.org or call the Borough of Montvale at 201-391-5700