



Program Overview

Neighborhood Tree Stewards (NTS) gain the knowledge, skills, and confidence to be stewards of Portland's urban forest. Stewards put their new skills to use by planting trees, organizing, advocating, and greening their neighborhoods. The NTS course runs for three weeks with virtual classroom sessions, independent learning tasks, and an in-person field training. Please read through our [Safe Stewardship Protocols](#) before applying to this program.

Each week participants will be introduced to one of three projects they will complete in the year following the course. Working in groups to reach different areas of the City, projects will address key issues of the urban forest and allow practice and application of the skills learned during the course. Questions about the Neighborhood Tree Steward program can be emailed to ufvolunteers@portlandoregon.gov.

Week One: Portland's Urban Forest

Introduction to Portland Parks & Recreation Urban Forestry Division.
History of the Neighborhood Tree Stewards program.
Portland's Tree Code Title 11.
Portland's Heritage Tree Program.
Project overview: Yard Tree Giveaway outreach, Fall project.

Virtual Classroom Online via Zoom. Tuesday, May 25, 6pm - 8pm.

Field Training Saturday, May 29, 9am - 12pm. Location shared after admittance.

Week Two: Growing the Forest of a Growing City

Equity in the urban forest.
Where are Portland's trees? Who are Portland's trees?
Tree Identification.
Project overview: Tree Establishment campaign, Spring project.

Virtual Classroom Online via Zoom. Tuesday, June 1, 6pm - 8pm.

Field Training Saturday, June 5, 9am - 12pm. Location shared after admittance.

Week Three: Stewardship in the Urban Forest

Tree Pruning, care, and maintenance for longevity.
Project planning and organizing as Neighborhood Tree Stewards in your community.
Project overview: Portland Pruners outreach and event, Winter event.
Next steps - stewardship activation.

Virtual Classroom Online via Zoom. Tuesday, June 8, 6pm - 8pm.

Field Training Friday, June 11, 6pm - 8pm. Location shared after admittance.

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