



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

# Grow Over Graffiti

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

### GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Eligible planting locations are within San Antonio city limits; on properties with a history of graffiti vandalism, or the potential of graffiti vandalism due to the location (corner lot, faces a highway, etc).
- Applications are accepted on a continuous basis, and can be emailed to [lisa.mckenzie@sanantonio.gov](mailto:lisa.mckenzie@sanantonio.gov), or mailed in to the address below:

City of San Antonio  
c/o Graffiti Abatement Program  
PO Box 839966  
San Antonio, TX 78283-3966

- A match which can be volunteer sweat equity (site prep. such as asphalt removal, removal of dying trees as well as planting the trees and providing maintenance) and submitting a final report will be required of applicants.
- Tree species are to be selected from the included list.
- The required maintenance plan must be followed for THREE (3) years.

### WHO WILL CARE FOR YOUR TREES?

- Typically, owners of the property on which trees will be planted will be responsible for **THREE YEARS** of maintenance. Care must follow the required maintenance plan.
- In the case of public property or if the owner cannot provide tree care, group members/designees must agree to care for the trees for **THREE YEARS** following the maintenance agreement.

### WHERE CAN YOU PLANT YOUR TREES?

- Applicants must be aware of all utility infrastructures before applying for and planting trees. Utility lines above the site may require a small tree species; utility lines below may require an alternate location. You must call **811** for utility line-locator service **prior to finalizing your planting sites**.
- Planting sites must consider clear lines of sight for traffic and be at least 30 feet from intersections, 15 feet from driveways, and 10 feet from utility poles or fire hydrants. Species must be at least 25 feet from overhead utilities.

### HOW DO YOU PICK YOUR TREES?

- Tree species on the attached list have been selected for their drought-resistant qualities as well as their small size.
- Five (5) gallon size (#5 container) material will be purchased for the program. If not available, then smaller size trees may be substituted.

### AVAILABLE TREE SPECIES:

<b>Dessert willow-</b> <i>Chilopsis</i>	<b>Height:</b> 20 ft.	<b>Crown Spread:</b> 15 ft.
<b>Mexican buckeye-</b> <i>Ungnadia speciosa</i>	<b>Height:</b> 20 ft.	<b>Crown Spread:</b> 12 ft.
<b>Mexican olive-</b> <i>Cordia boissieri</i>	<b>Height:</b> 20 ft.	<b>Crown Spread:</b> 10 ft.
<b>Mexican plum-</b> <i>Prunus mexicana</i>	<b>Height:</b> 20 ft.	<b>Crown Spread:</b> 12 ft.
<b>Texas mountain laurel-</b> <i>Sophora secundiflora</i>	<b>Height:</b> 20 ft.	<b>Crown Spread:</b> 12 ft.
<b>Texas redbud-</b> <i>Cercis Canadensis var. texensis</i>	<b>Height:</b> 20 ft.	<b>Crown Spread:</b> 12 ft.
<b>Texas persimmon-</b> <i>Diospyros texana</i>	<b>Height:</b> 20 ft.	<b>Crown Spread:</b> 12 ft.

### UTILITY LOCATE:

**You MUST call 811 before submitting your final plan and before digging.**

### MAKING YOUR SELECTIONS:

Use the characteristics of trees to assist you on your tree selections. Visit <http://www.treeguides.com> for descriptions and more information to help you make a selection.



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## APPLICATION

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY USING BLACK OR BLUE INK:**

Please check appropriate box:  Residential  Commercial  
How often do you experience graffiti vandalism? \_\_\_\_\_ Police report numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Applicant/Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Council District: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Total number of trees and species requested (i.e. 1 Persimmon, 2 Plum) - *Include 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choices for all -tree species.*

1 <sup>st</sup> Choice:
2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice:

4. Brief description of match/in-kind: planting, care, and/or site prep. (i.e. asphalt and/or cement removal, removal of dead trees, etc.) - *Use and attach additional pages if needed.*

5. Signature – *By signing this application, the applicant commits to following the planting and maintenance (see required 3-year maintenance plan) of the trees described within this application. The contact also agrees to submit a project report including action photos and a detailed description of activities associated with the project.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Three (3) Year Maintenance Plan

I agree to plant and care for the trees, which are provided by the Parks and Recreation Department, for THREE (3) years according to the following guidelines.

### PLANTING:

- Select the right tree for the right location.
- Call 811 for utility locates.
- Dig a hole 2-3 times as wide as the root ball but not deeper than root flare: prefer top of root flare to be 1-2 inches above existing soil grade.
- Remove tree from container.
- Pull any circling/girdling roots out from root ball (may need to cut).
- Backfill halfway with original soil and water in thoroughly. Backfill the rest of the original soil and water in thoroughly.
- Mulch with wood chips: 2-3 foot radius, 2 inches deep, but keep 2-3 inches away from trunk.

### MULCH:

- Mulch shall be maintained at a 2-3 foot radius, 2-3 inches deep, and 2-3 inches from the trunk of each tree for the three-year maintenance period. Before applying new mulch, stir up the existing compacted mulch with a rake or similar hand tool. This will ensure proper gas exchange and allow moisture to access the rootball. Proper mulching helps retain water, moderates soil temperature, and can reduce the need for weed control. Inexpensive mulch is available from the City's local brush sites;

Bitters Brush Recycling Center  
1800 E. Bitters Rd., 78216

Nelson Gardens  
Brush Recycling Center  
8963 Nelson Rd., 78252

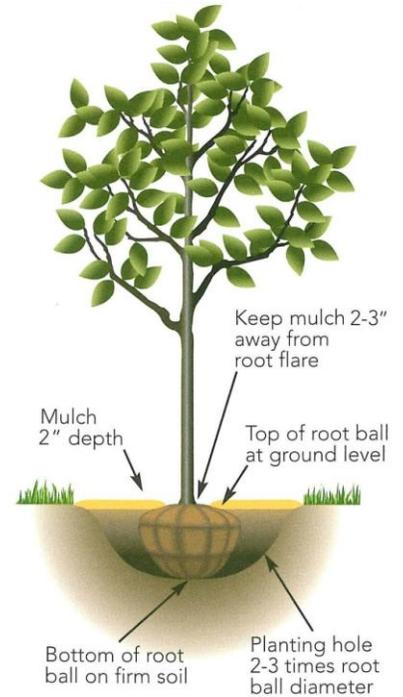
- For more information on these resources, dial 311 to contact the Solid Waste Department.

### WATERING:

- Ample soil moisture must be maintained throughout the three-year maintenance period. Need for watering can be determined by feeling the soil under the mulch at a 3-6" depth for moisture.
- When dry, apply 3-5 gallons of water 3 times a week for first month, twice a week for the next month, and once a week for the rest of the growing season. Reduce to 1-2 times a month for next growing season. If drought conditions are present, apply water once a month through the third growing season.

### TREE WELLS:

- Tree wells must be kept free of weeds for the three-year maintenance period. This weed-free zone can be accomplished by pulling weeds on a monthly basis. Do **NOT** use string trimmers within the mulched area around the tree. String trimmers will damage and may kill trees.



(Please print clearly)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# City of San Antonio

## WAIVER OF RESPONSIBILITY

### Agreement Including Release and Indemnification

**WHEREAS**, the **City of San Antonio** (hereinafter referred to as "**COSA**") consents and agrees to permit the person named on this document, (hereinafter referred to as "**PARTICIPANT**"), to participate in the City of San Antonio Grow Over Graffiti, subject to the adherence of the **PARTICIPANT** to any provisions set out in the Tree Care Agreement Form and Participation Agreement Form.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the promises and the mutual promises, Covenants, and agreements set forth in this Agreement, **COSA** and **PARTICIPANT** agree that **COSA**, its agents or employees, shall not be liable or responsible for, and shall be **SAVED, HELD HARMLESS, RELEASED and INDEMNIFIED by PARTICIPANT** from and all suits, actions, losses, damages, claims, or liability of any character, type, or description, including but not limited to all expenses of litigation, court costs, and attorney fees for injury or death to any person, or injury to any property received or sustained by any person or persons or property arising out of, or occasioned by, directly or indirectly, the participation of **PARTICIPANT** in the City of San Antonio Grow Over Graffiti including claims and damages arising in whole or in part from the negligence of **COSA**, its agents or employees.

IT IS THE **EXPRESS INTENT** OF THE PARTIES TO THIS AGREEMENT THAT THE **INDEMNITY** PROVIDED FOR IN THIS AGREEMENT IS AN **INDEMNITY** EXTENDED BY **PARTICIPANT** TO **INDEMNIFY AND PROTECT COSA** FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS OR ACTIONS, AS SET FORTH ABOVE, OF ANY KIND, ARISING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF **PARTICIPANT** IN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO Grow Over Graffiti, **REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH CLAIMS OR ACTIONS ARE FOUNDED IN WHOLE OR IN PART UPON ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE OF COSA, ITS REPRESENTATIVES, AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES.**

It is further understood and agreed that the **PARTICIPANT will participate solely as an individual on a voluntary basis** and not as an employee, contractor or agent of **COSA** or its agents or employees.

In making this Agreement, **PARTICIPANT** relies wholly upon his/her own judgment, belief and knowledge and has not been influenced to any extent whatsoever by any representations or statements not contained in the Agreement.

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Participant's Signature

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Date