

# Why We Plant Trees



Photo by Rod Smith

*“It’s fun to get your hands dirty with your co-workers and neighbors. But planting trees isn’t just a team-building activity; it’s a chance for us to literally and figuratively put down roots in this beautiful community we are proud to call home!”*

**IKEA Portland Green Team**

IKEA is proud to support causes that benefit the environment, like Friends of Trees. Planting trees in our community is one of many ways IKEA helps make Portland greener, like offering free recycling of CFL bulbs and batteries and, as of October 1, saying goodbye to “throw-away” plastic bags! Reusable bags are the way to go, and what better bag to use than the IKEA blue bag for just 59¢! It’s better for our trees, our environment and our community.

Each year Portland’s trees keep half a billion gallons of rain water from making combined sewer overflows into our rivers and remove millions of pounds of pollutants from our air. Our volunteers plant thousands of trees every year to make this possible.

Since Friends of Trees was founded in 1989, Portland’s tree cover has grown while a dozen other major U.S. cities lost one-fourth of their tree cover.

We need your help. Friends of Trees is only successful because of our volunteers and supporters.

**Join us!**

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