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# WHY I PLANT TREES

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"In search of that perfect gift, we all try our best to give something of significance. Several years ago, I discovered Friends of Trees' Gift Trees program. Trees have an enduring and aesthetic quality that inspires. They sequester carbon, reduce erosion, provide shade for people, and offer a safe haven for wildlife. When they finish their lives, they become habitat and replenish the earth.

—Joey Pope, longtime  
Gift Tree purchaser  
and supporter of  
Friends of Trees

Photo by Tom Atiyeh

We are Friends of Trees. We plant trees in the Portland-Vancouver metro area to improve our air quality and keep stormwater from polluting our rivers. Our thousands of volunteers have planted hundreds of thousands of trees, growing Portland's urban canopy while other U.S. cities have seen theirs reduced.

Through our Gift Trees program, you can plant a tree in someone's name and restore a city forest. Gift Trees make the perfect holiday gift.

Friends of Trees will print and mail your gift acknowledgment card for you. We will also invite you and the gift recipient to plant your trees together at a special March planting in the Collins Sanctuary next to Forest Park.

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