

Tree Donation Terms and Conditions

1. Trees will be supplied as a select standard which has a 10-12cm girth and is approximately 2.5-3m high.
2. Whilst the council will try to accommodate preferences for tree species and location, the council reserves the right to refuse unsuitable requests. Tree selection and placement will be based on the heritage, landscape and ecology of the site, and will need to fit into the Management Plan and planting scheme for the park or open space.
3. All trees will be sourced by the council and planted during November-March, when they have the best chance of survival. No plaques can be fitted to trees or their tree guards.
4. “Your tree” means donation, not ownership. Legal ownership of a donated tree remains with the council who takes liability and responsibility for all future maintenance requirements.
5. Tree orders can only be placed once full payment of the invoice has been received. No refunds will be issued under any circumstances. The cost of the donation will be as per the council’s approved Fees and Charges at the time of the agreement.
6. Donation will pay for the tree to be maintained from planting until establishment which will be up to five years. After this time it will be put into the council’s maintenance programme.
7. If a tree is significantly damaged or dies within one year of being planted, the council will replace the tree only once. Any further replacements required will be at the donation cost applicable at the time.
8. The council reserves the right to relocate any tree, for example if it is prone to vandalism at its original location, or due to other unforeseen circumstances.
9. Tree donation includes a site map confirming the tree planting location.
10. No adornments e.g. plaques, flowers, statues, wreaths, vases, ornaments, cards shall be attached or deposited on the tree or in the surrounding area at any time.
11. No ashes will be permitted to be scattered or buried on or around the tree.
12. The council will keep a database of donated trees along with the donor’s contact details. This complies with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). To view the council’s privacy notice please visit: www.watford.gov.uk/privacynotice
13. It is the responsibility of the donor to inform the council of any changes to their contact details to enable future correspondence regarding the donation.