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Urban and Community Forestry Tidbits

Colorado State Forest Service Offers Winterizing Tips for Urban Trees-When autumn arrives, homeowners often forget about their yards and focus instead on indoor tasks. However, urban trees and shrubs in Colorado require a regimen of fall care to remain healthy during the colder months. To read more click here:

<http://csfs.colostate.edu/pdfs/FINAL-NR-Winterizing-Trees-East-Oct2010.pdf>.

New Data System Debuts with Online Tree City USA Application Portal-Communities will for the first time be able to enter and submit Tree City USA applications through the Arbor Day Foundation's new data management system. Designed to better capture and manage information about urban forestry, the new system will allow applicants to enter data and upload documentation in support of their Tree City USA application. The ability to share annual information about tree planting, forestry expenditures, tree boards and community forestry programs and activities will afford stakeholders in urban forestry another opportunity to better manage information and address challenges across the country. See how the new online application system will work by watching a brief webinar available on November 17th. For more information contact Keith Wood at keith.wood@colostate.edu.

Tree Campus USA-In October of 2008 the National Arbor Day Foundation (NADF) in partnership with Toyota introduced the Tree Campus USA program. Much like the Tree City USA program, which started in 1976, there are standards that must be met to qualify for the program. The five standards are as follows:

1. A Campus Tree Advisory Committee composed of a diverse group of campus/community members must meet regularly. The committee must include a student, a faculty member, an employee of the facility management department, and a community member with a connection to trees. The purpose of this committee is primarily to provide program guidance.
2. A Campus Tree Care Plan must be produced that addresses the following: clearly stated purpose, responsible authority/department charged with enforcing the Campus Tree Care Plan, establishment of the Campus Tree Advisory with by-laws, and a listing of tree care policies.
3. Campus Tree Program with Dedicated Annual Expenditures must show that the campus is allocating funds towards the tree program. It is suggested that the program should be shooting for an annual expenditure of \$3 per full-time enrolled student. There is an extensive list of eligible expenditures that achieve the annual expenditure goal on the NADF website, www.arborday.org.
4. Arbor Day Observance must be held on campus or in conjunction with the community where the campus is located. The campus must provide evidence through program agendas, news coverage, and/or pictures that the event was celebrated.

5. A Service Learning Project must be completed during the year for which the Tree Campus USA application is submitted. The project should provide an opportunity to engage students in something related to trees on campus or in the surrounding community. A list of examples is on the website.

Nominate for an Arbor Day Foundation Award-Nominate a tree-planting hero for a 2011 Arbor Day Award. From local leaders and tree planters to national and international organizations, the Arbor Day Awards program strives to recognize the very best in environmental stewardship across several categories. View the award categories and nominate a deserving individual or group today at www.arborday.org/awards. Nominations close December 1, 2010.

2011 US Forest Service National Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost Share Grants-This year the National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council (NUCFAC) has revised its grant categories and process to the Forest Service's National Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost Share Grant Program. They anticipate \$855,000 in funding. Pre-proposals and full proposals selected from the pre-proposals will be required. There are three Innovation Grant categories based on one of the Council's identified priority areas.

- Trees and Climate Change,
- Trees and Public Health, and
- Trees and Economic Development

The 2011 U.S. Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost Share Grant (CFDA 10.675, Opportunity No. USDA-FS-UCF-2011) instructions and application are posted on www.grants.gov. The instructions may also be [downloaded here](#). **Applications are due by 11:59 PM, November 29, 2010.**

Deciduous Trees Have Decidedly Beneficial Impact on Air Pollution-In article written by Bruce Finley of the Denver Post, trees may be pulling their weight. New research by government-backed scientists at the National Center for Atmospheric Research finds that deciduous vegetation absorbs one-third more air pollution than previously believed — tens of millions of metric tons worldwide. Read more here http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_16402656.

ISA-Rocky Mountain Chapter Events:

Pesticide Applicator's Workshop-The Rocky Mountain Chapter 2010 Pesticide Applicators Workshop will be held on November 18-19 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, Castle Rock, CO. For more information contact the ISA-RMC at 303-756-1815.

Colorado Tree Coalition Tidbits

CTC Changes Mailing Address-Please make note, effective December 2009 the Colorado Tree Coalition has changed its Post Office Box mailing address. Please update your records to reflect this change:

Colorado Tree Coalition
P.O. Box 808
Broomfield, CO 80038-0808

Front Range Urban Forestry Council-The Front Range Chapter of CTC will be meeting on November 11 in Littleton. A program is being prepared to present information on programs and services of the Colorado Tree Coalition and how members of the Front Range Chapter (FRUFC) can get involved. Contact Keith Wood at keith.wood@colostate.edu for more information.

CTC Unveils Facebook Page-Thanks to Mike McGill, Town of Erie, and Kyle Sylvester, City of Brighton, CTC now has its very own Facebook page! It is still under construction and developing some neat features, but in the mean time you can check it out here <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Colorado-Tree-Coalition/141759715862175>. Become a friend of CTC and tell us what you think!

2011 Grant Program-2011 CTC grant applications are in the process of being distributed electronically and will also be available to download from the CTC web site www.coloradotrees.org. Deadline to submit applications will be December 10, 2010. The CTC Grants Committee is also looking for volunteers from around the State to help with the grant application review process. You can be a reviewer even if your group or community has submitted an application. Each reviewer will have 5 to 10 grants to review during a 3-week period in December and January. To volunteer, contact David Flaig at 303-795-3766 or email him at dflaig@littletongov.org. He will need your name, address, phone number, and an e-mail address.

2011 Calendar Here!-The Colorado Tree Coalition presents its 2011 Colorado Notable Tree Calendar. This full size, colorful calendar displays professional photographs of some of the state's most spectacular trees. A diverse array of tree species has been especially selected to represent each month of the year. To order, send a request with a check or money order to the Colorado Tree Coalition, PO Box 808, Broomfield, Colorado 80038-0808 or order with a credit card at www.coloradotrees.org.

Trees Across Colorado-For the ninth year in a row the CTC is partnering with Gertie Grant of Trees Across Colorado to offer low cost deciduous trees to communities. The goal of this program is to get volunteers motivated to improve their community by planting trees. Gertie has extensive experience with volunteer tree planting efforts. She has cultivated strong working relationships with nurseries to produce an extensive list of ornamental and shade trees that will grow in our Colorado soils. The trees must be ordered by December 10, 2010. To learn more about this excellent tree planting program, call Gertie Grant at 303-744-3882 or e-mail her at gertiegrant@estreet.com.

Elections Held-Election results are in for the selection of three new representatives to the Colorado Tree Coalition (CTC) Board of Directors from the Front Range Chapter who will serve two year terms through 2012. Results are also in for the 2011 officers of the Front Range Urban Forestry Council (FRUFC).

Thanks to all who volunteered their time to serve these organizations and thanks also to all who voted. Please congratulate these folks when you get a chance!

FRUFC REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CTC BOARD FOR 2011-2012

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Scott Grimes, South Suburban PRD	2011
Dan Odell, TC Woods	2011
Becky Lamphear, City of Colorado Springs	2011
*Kyle Sylvester, City of Brighton	2012
*David Flaig, City of Littleton	2012
*Mike McGill, Town of Erie	2012

*newly elected

FRUFC OFFICERS FOR 2011

President	David Flaig, City of Littleton
Vice President	Tom Wells, City and County of Broomfield
Secretary	Jennifer Hrobar, South Suburban PRD

CTC Officers for 2011

President	Scott Grimes, South Suburban PRD
Vice President	Mike McGill, Town of Erie
Secretary	Karen Scopel, City of Greeley
Treasurer	Becky Wegner, Mountain High Tree Service
At-Large	Neal Bamesberger, Hudson Gardens
At Large	Gertie Grant, Trees Across Colorado

Happy Holidays!