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Press Release

“Green” your Holidays by adopting a future street tree

Live, potted tree is eco-friendly twist on tradition

For a limited time, the San Francisco Department of the Environment and Friends of the Urban Forest are offering live, potted trees for the holidays. San Francisco residents can temporarily adopt beautiful three-to-six-foot-tall magnolia, olive, or primrose trees to bring home for decoration and enjoyment.

Live, potted holiday trees are better for the environment than traditional Christmas trees, because they reduce waste and post-holiday litter. They'll also provide benefits to San Franciscans for decades to come, because after the holidays, Friends of the Urban Forest will plant them in neighborhoods that need more trees.

Participants in the “Green Holiday Tree” program can order the trees online at <http://sfenvironment.org/adopt-a-tree-for-the-holidays> for a tax-deductible \$85 donation per tree.

Trees will be available for pick up at the Green Holiday Tree Lot in front of San Francisco Public Library in the Civic Center on Sunday, November 30 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Trees can also be picked up at Friends of the Urban Forest, 1007 General Kennedy Avenue in the Presidio, on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. from December 1 through December 16.

Participants must return their trees to Friends of the Urban Forest after the holidays, or pay a \$25 fee for Friends of the Urban Forest to pick up the trees anywhere in San Francisco.

Questions about the program can be directed to Mei Ling Hui, SF Environment at 415-355-3731 or meiling.hui@sfgov.org.



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About the San Francisco Department of the Environment

The San Francisco Department of the Environment creates visionary policies and innovative programs to improve, enhance, and preserve San Francisco's urban and natural environment, leading the way toward a sustainable future. By developing wide-ranging environmental programs, fostering groundbreaking legislation, working collaboratively with key partners, and educating the public on comprehensive sustainability practices, the department makes it easy for everyone in San Francisco to protect their environment.

About Friends of the Urban Forest

Friends of the Urban Forest is a non-profit organization that helps individuals and neighborhood groups to plant and care for street trees and sidewalk gardens in San Francisco. Since 1981, FUF has planted more than 49,000 trees to reduce the city's tree shortage and to support the health and livability of the urban environment.

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