

CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY 2021 (April 30th)

Trees have been celebrated [around the world](#) on Arbor Day for over a century.

See below for **events and resources** in Northeast Ohio.

The first American Arbor Day was celebrated on April 10, 1872 when Nebraskans planted an estimated 1 million trees. Nebraska journalist and politician, J. Sterling Morton, planted orchards, shade trees and windbreaks on his own farm at Nebraska City. Morton was Secretary of Agriculture for President Cleveland and later served on Nebraska's Board of Agriculture when he proposed that a special day be set aside dedicated to tree planting and raising awareness of the importance of trees. Nebraska made Arbor Day a legal holiday in 1885, using the date April 22 to commemorate Morton's birthday. For more on the history of Arbor Day, visit [here](#). The [Arbor Day Foundation](#) continues Morton's work.

National Arbor Day is now celebrated on the last Friday in April, but many states observe Arbor Day on different dates throughout the year based on best tree planting times in their area. Here in Ohio we will celebrate Arbor Day 2020 on Friday, April 24th.



Please note that when planting trees in your yard, be sure to review the Cleveland Tree Plan's [Revised Guide for Species Selection](#) to determine what tree species will have the highest survival rate and provide the greatest benefits.

[2020 Tree Canopy Progress Report](#)



Cleveland Tree Coalition

The [Cleveland Tree Coalition](#) is a collaborative group of public, private and community stakeholders that have partnered with the City of Cleveland to rebuild our urban forest. The coalition is striving to create a healthy, vibrant, sustainable, and equitable urban forest by working collaboratively to implement the [Cleveland Tree Plan](#).

Again this year, and following COVID-19 safety precautions, the [Cleveland Tree Coalition](#) is celebrating Arbor Day virtually. The theme for this year is: *Grow Trees, Grow Equity, Improve Health*. Some of the events to watch for are:

- A panel discussion on growing an equitable tree canopy in Cleveland on Tuesday, April 27th
- Ask the Arborist with Jim Jenkins, [Davey Resource Group](#), and Colby Sattler, [Forest City Ecological Services](#)
- Careers in Forestry with [Organic Connects](#)
- Videos from many Cleveland Tree Coalition members and partners

For a complete schedule of this year's virtual events beginning on April 24th, go to the Cleveland Tree Coalition Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/cletrees/>).

Share your own tree-related photos, videos, and posts using the hashtag #ArborDayCLE.

TREE GIVEAWAY

Get Free Trees for Your Yard This Spring

<https://www.wrlandconservancy.org/news/trees4cle>

WEBINARS

Using Apps to Improve your Home and the Watershed

Presented by Friends of Euclid Creek

Roy Larick, PhD, Bluestone Heights

Tuesday, April 27th at 7pm

Register here: <https://www.friendsofeuclidcreek.com/events-by-4/25/2021>.

RESOURCES

City of Cleveland Tree Revitalization Program

<https://www.sustainablecleveland.org/tree-canopy-revitalization-program>

City of Cleveland Urban Forestry Program

<https://www.sustainablecleveland.org/urban-forestry>

Holden Forests and Gardens People for Trees

<https://holdenfg.org/people-for-trees/>

Western Reserve Land Conservancy Reforest our City

<https://www.wrlandconservancy.org/whatwedo/reforest-our-city/>

Arbor Day Foundation

<https://www.arborday.org/>

N.U.T.S. Native Urban Tree Starters

<https://cuyahogawcd.org/programs/nuts>