

Benefits of Trees

Ten irresistible reasons for planting and protecting trees

Clean Air ...and breathe easy

Shade trees combat pollution and return oxygen to the atmosphere.

Save ...and lower the cooling and heating costs

As natural screens, trees insulate houses and businesses against the elements, hot or cold.

Raise Property Values ...and compound assets

Trees are sound investments for businesses and residents because their value increases as they grow.

Clean Water ...and conserve water and soil

A tree's fibrous roots are nature's best pollution filtration system and they prevent erosion.

Cool Pavement ...and lessen the damages of "urban heat islands"

Leafy shade lowers temperatures and diminishes hot vapors that rise from streets and parking lots.

Protect Wildlife ...and restore our ecosystem

Planting and protecting trees, particularly trees native to San Diego, can literally save lives.

Build Safe Communities ...and decrease crime

Police and crime prevention experts agree that trees and landscaping diminish theft, vandalism and violence.

Live Well ...and reduce stress

Neighborhoods full of majestic trees are uplifting and good for your health.

Calm Traffic ...and make neighborhoods safer

People drive more slowly and carefully through tree-lined streets.

Invest in the Future ...and create a legacy of health and splendor

Advocates of San Diego's community forest make an enduring contribution to our environment, our children and our city's future.