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# Iowa Forestry Today

Conservation and Recreation



Plant a tree or two in your yard this spring. A mixture of hardwoods, low-growing ornamental and evergreen tree species are available for \$25 each. [Submit your order form today](#) to reserve your trees to be picked up at the following locations:

- Tuesday, April 26, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Chuck Gipp Decorah Fish Hatchery (2321 Siewers Spring Rd, Decorah)
- Saturday, April 30, 8:30-10:30 a.m., Pioneer Ridge Nature Center (1339 US Hwy 63, Bloomfield)
- Thursday, May 5, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Alwaysis Park (1490 E Lakeshore Dr, Storm Lake)
- Tuesday, May 17, 4:00-6:00 p.m., East Peterson Park (55756 180th St, Ames)

Learn more about the available tree species and order requirements on the [DNR webpage](#).

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## To Save Big, Start Small



This sycamore tree was planted just three years ago as a tiny, knee-high sapling from the **DNR state forest nursery** in Ames. With a little patience, you can easily save up to several hundred dollars by planting seedlings versus larger, store-bought trees.

DNR nursery seedlings are 6 to 30 inches in height, but as the photo shows, they quickly explode in growth.

Order trees at [iowadnr.gov/nursery](http://iowadnr.gov/nursery) or **515-233-1161**.

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## Tips for picking the right tree for your yard

If you're thinking of branching out and adding a new tree to your yard, keep these things in mind:

- **Start with research** - Some species thrive under different conditions, so it's always a good idea to study up on which trees would do the best in your yard.
- **Consider all your needs** - Different trees have different benefits, such as quick growth and how much shade they'll give.
- **Know what your yard has to offer** - If you have heavy clay soil, you'll want a tree that can handle wet conditions. A shorter tree is a great option for planting under power lines.
- **Find the best place to plant** - Check out [i-Tree Design](#) to help you decide where a tree in your yard could help with energy efficiency in your house.

Learn more tips for selecting, planting and proper maintenance of trees on our [Tree Resources and Links page](#).