

**NEW YORK RESTORATION PROJECT'S
*FREE Tree Giveaways Return Throughout NYC***

NYRP SCALES UP FREE TREE DISTRIBUTION EFFORTS

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(Courtesy of New York Restoration Project)

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NEW YORK, NY – March 4, 2026 – [New York Restoration Project \(NYRP\)](#) is thrilled to announce free tree giveaways with community partners throughout New York City in time for Earth Month. Beginning April 4, 2026 and running through May 16, 2026, **NYRP will distribute 3,750 trees—up from 3,500 in recent years—across all five boroughs.**

NYRP started its very popular free tree giveaways in 2008 as part of the [MillionTreesNYC](#) initiative led in partnership with the NYC Parks Department and completed in 2015. The tree giveaway program has continued, and this season, **NYRP will surpass over 80,500 trees given away through this program since it began.**

The 22 different native tree and shrub species to be distributed include Pawpaw, American Persimmon, American Plum, Easter Redbud, Flowering Dogwood, and Highbush Blueberry among others. See a full list at nyrp.org/freetree.

As the climate crisis intensifies, trees play an essential role in New York City's environmental resilience by providing shade, creating wildlife habitat, reducing temperatures, improving air quality, and mitigating storm water run-off. NYRP thanks Bloomberg Philanthropies for generous support of our work to steward and increase the tree canopy in New York City.

Additional support for the tree giveaway program is provided by the Citizens Philanthropic Foundation, Delta Air Lines, and TD Bank Charitable Foundation, Council Member Shekar Krishnan, and Council Member Lincoln Restler. ***Quotes and giveaway dates, times, locations on following pages...***

Free tree recipients must register in advance at www.nyrp.org/freetree. As of March 4, 2026, dates, partners, and locations include:

Date & Time	Borough	Neighborhood	Partner/Support Provided By	Location
April 4, 2026 9-11:00 AM	Queens	Long Island City	Queens Public Library	47-40 Center Blvd, Long Island City, NY 11109
April 4, 2026 1-3:00 PM	Brooklyn	Sunset Park	Green-Wood Cemetery	500 25th St, Brooklyn, NY 11232
April 5, 2026 2-11:00 AM	Staten Island	Randall Manor	Snug Harbor	1000 Richmond Terr., Staten Island, NY 10301
April 5, 2026 1-3:00 PM	Staten Island	St. George	H.E.A.L.T.H. for Youths	Westervelt Community Garden (143 Westervelt Ave., Staten Island, NY 10301)
April 18, 2026 9-11:00 AM	Queens	Far Rockaway	RISE Rockaway	58-03 Rockaway Beach Blvd, Far Rockaway, NY 11692
April 18, 2026 1-3:00 PM	Brooklyn	Canarsie	Wyckoff Farmhouse Museum & State Senator Roxanne Persaud	5816 Clarendon Rd, Brooklyn, NY 11203
April 18, 2026 1-3:00 PM	Queens	Edgemere	The Garden by the Bay	4-80 Beach 43rd St, Edgemere, NY 11691
April 18, 2026 10 AM-1 PM	Queens	Jamaica	Citizens	147-02 Hillside Ave., Jamaica, NY 11435
April 19, 2026 9-11:00 AM	Bronx	Riverdale	Stewards of Ewen Park	Ewen Park (231st and Riverdale Ave., Bronx, NY 10471)
April 19, 2026 1-3:00 PM	Bronx	Norwood	James Baldwin Outdoor Learning Center	James Baldwin Plaza (100 W Mosholu Pkwy S, Bronx, NY 10468)
April 19, 2026 1-3:00 PM	Bronx	North Riverdale	State Senator Gustavo Rivera	Riverdale Neighborhood House (5521 Mosholu Ave, Bronx, NY 10471)
April 22, 2026 1-3:00 PM	Manhattan	Hamilton Heights	City College of New York & Representative Adriano Espaillat	160 Convent Ave, New York, NY 10031
April 25, 2026 9-11:00 AM	Bronx	Westchester Square	Westchester Square Public Library	2521 Glebe Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461
April 25, 2026 1-3:00 PM	Bronx	Crotona Park East	Bronx River Alliance & City Council Member Justin Sanchez	1490 Sheridan Boulevard, Bronx, NY 10459

April 25, 2026 1-3:00 PM	Brooklyn	Bensonhurst	Pineapple Ride	Pineapple Plaza (9100 Bay Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11214)
April 25, 2026 10 AM- 1:00 PM	Bronx	Fordham	Citizens	1 E Fordham Rd, Bronx, NY 10468
April 26, 2026 9 AM- 11:00 AM	Manhattan	Harlem	Harlem Roots Community Garden	203 W 120th St, New York, NY 10027
April 26, 2026 1 PM-3:00PM	Manhattan	West Harlem	West Harlem Art Fund & The Brotherhood Sister Sol	St. Nicholas Park (135th Street and St. Nicholas Ave.)
April 30, 2026 12-3:00 PM	Brooklyn	Brighton Beach	TD Bank	722 Brighton Beach Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11235
May 2, 2026 9 AM- 11:00 AM	Brooklyn	Greenpoint	Council Member Lincoln Restler	McCarren Park Demonstration Garden (457 Leonard St, Brooklyn, NY 11222)
May 2, 2026 9 AM- 11:00 AM	Brooklyn	Red Hook	Red Hook Farms	560 Columbia St, Brooklyn, NY 11231
May 2, 2026 1 PM-3:00 PM	Bronx	West Farms	Bronx River Community Garden	1086 East 180th St., Bronx, NY 10460
May 3, 2026 9 AM- 11:00 AM	Queens	Jackson Heights	Council Member Shekar Krishnan	Travers Park (76-09 34th Ave, Jackson Heights, NY 11372)
May 3, 2026 1 PM-3:00 PM	Queens	Flushing	Kissena Synergy	158-02 Booth Memorial Ave, Flushing, New York, NY 11355
May 13, 2026 11 AM- 2:00PM	Manhattan	Midtown	Broadway Green Alliance	Times Square Steps (Broadway and W 47th St, New York, NY 10036)
May 16, 2026 10 AM- 12:00PM	Manhattan	Inwood	New York Restoration Project & Assemblymember Manny De Los Santos	Riley-Levin Children's Garden (3703 10th Ave, New York, NY 10034)
May 16, 2026 2 PM-4:00PM	Brooklyn	Bushwick	New York Restoration Project	Aberdeen Community Garden (98 Aberdeen St, Brooklyn, NY 11207)

QUOTES

“New York Restoration Project’s free tree giveaways are a cherished spring tradition across our city,” said **New York Restoration Project Executive Director Lynn Bodnar Kelly**. “This year, we’re thrilled to increase the distribution from 3,500 to 3,750 trees. Getting more trees into the neighborhoods that need them most is essential for our city’s long-term climate resilience.”

“This Earth Day, I am proud to partner with the New York Restoration Project and the City College of New York to host a tree giveaway and planting event right here in our district,” said **Representative Adriano Espaillat (NY-13)**. “Expanding our urban tree canopy is a powerful climate solution available to us to help reduce extreme heat, improve air quality, and strengthen climate resilience in our neighborhoods. I will continue to champion bold, equitable climate policies in Congress, and I am pleased to work alongside New York Restoration Project and City College to ensure that environmental justice and sustainability take root in our community.”

“The Bronx has been disproportionately affected by fossil fuel pollution over a long history of environmental injustice and neglect,” said **New York State Senator Gustavo Rivera**. “I am proud to partner with the New York Restoration Project this Earth Day to distribute over 200 trees to my community so we can increase our tree canopy, which will help mitigate the severe effects of climate change in our borough.”

“There is something powerful about planting a tree in your own neighborhood,” said **Assemblymember Manny De Los Santos**. “It is an investment in hope, in health, and in the future, we want for our families. That is why this partnership with the New York Restoration Project means so much to me. In communities like ours, green space is not a luxury, it is essential. Every tree planted helps cool our blocks, clean our air, and remind our children that they deserve a beautiful, thriving neighborhood. This Earth Month, as NYRP distributes 3,750 native trees across the five boroughs, we are not just expanding tree canopy, we are strengthening our community for generations to come. I encourage residents to take part and help us grow something lasting together.”

“I’m always proud to support the New York Restoration Project’s annual tree giveaway,” said **Council Member Shekar Krishnan, District 25**. “Hundreds of New Yorkers die every year from heat-related causes, primarily in neighborhoods that lack an expansive tree canopy. The work that NYRP does in providing New Yorkers with shade, reducing temperatures, and improving air quality will be lifesaving.”

ABOUT NEW YORK RESTORATION PROJECT

New York Restoration Project (NYRP) is a non-profit organization driven by the conviction that all New Yorkers deserve access to high-quality public green space. Since our founding in 1995 by Bette Midler, NYRP has worked collaboratively with residents in communities across the five boroughs to renovate gardens, restore parks, plant trees, promote urban agriculture, and build partnerships that transform the city’s landscape. We are committed to creating a greener, more resilient city for all.

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