

# Great Ohio Planting Day



## What is Great Ohio Planting Day?

Each April Keep Ohio Beautiful celebrates Great Ohio Planting Day, a Keep Ohio Beautiful hands-on educational program that demonstrates how to properly prepare a planting site, plant and care for a tree. The program provides:

- Regular tree planting, site preparation, maintenance and inventory in Ohio communities
- Hands-on experience planting the urban forest with precise, accurate and closely monitored instruction
- Ongoing educational opportunities for the general public on planting, maintaining and monitoring the urban forest



Trees are tagged to show their yearly benefits.

## Why does Keep Ohio Beautiful (KOB) participate in Great Ohio Planting Day?

Teaching volunteers about the many benefits trees can provide and actually showing them how to plant and care for newly planted trees is a learning experience that will last a lifetime,” said KOB board member and Davey Resource Group natural resource consulting manager Karen Wise. “Trees, urban tree canopy, and green spaces are known to mitigate air and water quality challenges, increase property values, lower crime rates, and improve the overall quality of life for residents—especially children.” To increase tree counts, urban tree canopy, and access to green space takes planning and commitment from the residents, local officials and supporting organizations.



The Davey Tree Expert Company staff teaching volunteers how to properly plant and mulch a tree.

## What are the Goals of Planting Trees?

- Shade the common use area
- Reduce stormwater run-off
- Improve air quality
- Sequester carbon
- Reduce energy usage by adjacent homeowners as the trees grow to shade the residences

## Keep Ohio Beautiful Great Ohio Planting Day History

- 2014** – Master Tree Planting Plan for Wayne Trails Elementary School & Wildlife Garden, Maumee
- 2013** – The Wick Park Urban Revitalization Planting Project & Risk Tree Assessment Plan - Youngstown
- 2012** – Mapping Current and Future Trees in Cleveland’s Central Neighborhood, Cleveland

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