

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **NEW JERSEY TREE RECOVERY CAMPAIGN PROVIDES FREE TREE SEEDLINGS TO RESIDENTS IN WOODBINE**

**Woodbine**—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the Borough of Woodbine will be receiving 2-to-4 foot seedling trees under the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign.

Free tree seedlings will be available to **Woodbine** residents on April 16 and 17 as part of the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign. Expected species are: Bay Berry, Beach Plum, Pitch Pine, Short Leaf Pine, and Willow Oak, but may vary.

From **8:30 am to 3:30 pm** on **both April 16 and 17**, residents will be able to pick up tree seedlings at **the Municipal Utilities Authority, 413 Adams Avenue**, on a first come, first serve basis, with an initial offering of five trees per resident. If unable to make a pick-up on either of these dates, please call Borough Hall to make alternate arrangements..

Seedlings also come with instructions on how to store, care for, and plant them. The guides help residents choose the right place on a property to plant a tree while keeping in mind the tree's full-grown size in the future. Residents should plant the seedlings within two days after pick-up in order to prevent the roots from drying out.

The goal of the Tree Recovery Campaign is to distribute over 500,000 tree seedlings to New Jersey residents over the course of the next five years. It is a joint effort between **the Borough**, the New Jersey State Forestry Services Community Forestry Program, The State Forest Nursery, New Jersey Soil Conservation Districts, Sustainable Jersey, and the Arbor Day Foundation. Arbor Day Foundation, FedEx, and BJ's Wholesale Club provide financial support for the program.

“When properly planted and maintained, trees can be assets to a community. They improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood or business district, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants, and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits,” noted Mayor Pikolycky, “and these new trees will help us maintain our rural charm, for which thank DEP.”

If you have any questions please contact **the Borough Hall** at 609-861-2153.

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