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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 1-to-4 foot seedling trees under the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign. Members of Woodbine's Sustainable Jersey "Green Team" will be distributing the trees.

Free tree seedlings will be available to **Woodbine** residents on April 18 as part of the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign. Expected are: approximately 100 evergreens, 100 "small stature" trees, 300 "large stature" trees; however, this may change, depending on demand state-wide. Information on specific species still undetermined.

From 10 am to 1 pm on **Saturday, April 18**, 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.

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, New Jersey Soil Conservation Districts, Sustainable Jersey, and the Arbor Day Foundation, Brothers International, BJ's Wholesale Club, Wyndham Vacation Resorts, and FedEx.

"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 our thanks to DEP."

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

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