

Arbor Day is May 15: Plant a Native Tree!

The snow is finally gone, the ground has thawed, and temperatures are rising; it's time to plant a tree! When selecting a tree to plant, native species are always best.



Here's why:

Native tree species evolved in this region and occur naturally. The insects that evolved with them are essential to feed local birds. Once established, native species require less fertilizer, pest control, and other maintenance. Because they are adapted to local environmental conditions, they require far less water, saving time, money, and a valuable resource. In addition to hosting insects, native trees offer nuts, seeds, and fruits essential for all forms of local wildlife. And because they have adapted to Maine's climate, native trees are more resilient to changes in weather.

Maine celebrates Arbor Day every year in May. In addition, Yarmouth will hold an Arbor Day event for Rowe students on June 10th, providing native tree seedlings to plant at home. The town maintains a [list of preferred trees](#), primarily native species, grouped by size. Additional information about Maine native trees can be found at mainenativeplants.org, and members of the [Tree Advisory Committee](#) are always available to give advice.



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The Yarmouth Tree Advisory Committee meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 12noon at the YCS Offices. If the meeting falls on a holiday when the Town Hall is closed, please check to see about the rescheduled meeting date.