

### Trees are Important!

Trees are essential for a healthy environment. The East Campus Neighborhood is enriched by its urban forest. Trees generate the air we need to breathe, provide shade during hot summers, moderate midwestern winds, provide habitat for birds and other wildlife, and make our neighborhood beautiful. Did you know... planting the right trees in the right locations can reduce utility bills and save you money! ECCO's forest is challenged with climate change, wilder weather, and aging trees. Ensuring healthy trees is essential for our homes and neighborhood.

**Tree Resources.** There are many resources available to ECCO residents focusing on the care of your trees...

- ✓ ECCO's Tree Committee (See Next Section for Information)
- ✓ Arbor Day Foundation Web Site - <https://www.arborday.org/tree-care-maintenance>
- ✓ Lincoln Area Arborists - <https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/files/sharedassets/public/v/15/parks-and-rec/lpr-arboristlist2025.pdf> or <https://growth.nearborists.org/naa-directory/Search/lincoln-116409>
- ✓ TreeNewal - <https://treenewal.com/10-ways-to-keep-your-trees-healthy-tree-care-tips/>
- ✓ Nebraska Forest Service - <https://nfs.unl.edu/tree-care/>
- ✓ City of Lincoln - <https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/Parks-and-Recreation/Community-Forestry>
- ✓ Lincoln's Urban Forest Advisory Committee - <https://treecanopy.us/>
- ✓ Nebraska Forest Service Tree Workshops - <https://nfs.unl.edu/events-and-workshops/nfs-tree-planting-and-care-101-webinar-series/>
- ✓ Lincoln homeowners and landlords can use the City's Tree Voucher Program to underwrite the cost of new street trees at <https://www.lincoln.ne.gov/City/Departments/Parks-and-Recreation/Community-Forestry>.
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- ✓ Area Garden Shops

### Trimming Trees is Fundamental...

**Small Tree Trimming...** When trees are young and small, learn how to properly trim trees to enhance their ability to grow both strong and aesthetically. *Use the resources provided or seek a licensed arborist for advice.* **Larger Maturing Tree Trimming...** Trimming larger mature trees is not a "do it yourself" job. If you are thinking that you need to get that extension ladder out to reach dead branches, think twice. Be safe! We recommend with mature and larger trees contract with a certified Tree Arborist to do the job. They will do it better, and you will not get hurt. ***Safety Should Always Come First – Falls and Power Line Kill!***

### Calendar of Events

- Nebraska's Arbor Day – Friday - April 25, 2025<sup>1</sup>
- Tree Planting at ECCO's Valentino's & Idylwild Park – Saturday – April 26, 2025 – Noon

### Tree Planting Projects

ECCO's Tree Committee is working on two neighborhood tree planting projects:

1. New Trees along Apple Street from 40<sup>th</sup> to Idylwild Drive – Targeted for 2025
2. New Trees along Idylwild Drive – Targeted for 2026

### ECCO's Tree Committee

Lincoln's East Campus Neighborhood Association (<https://eastcampus.org/index.html>) or ECCO for short serves those of us located between 33<sup>rd</sup> to 48<sup>th</sup> Street and Holdrege to Vine Street in mid-town Lincoln. ECCO's Tree Committee exists to help residents maintain existing and the planting of new trees ensuring ECCO's urban forest and our quality of life. For more information reach out to any of these ECCO Tree Committee members:

Richard Sutton – Chair – [rsutton1@unl.edu](mailto:rsutton1@unl.edu) – 402.309.0341

Don Macke – [don@e2mail.org](mailto:don@e2mail.org) – 402.770.4987

**If you are interested in ECCO's urban forest and want to help, contact any member of the ECCO Tree Committee to get involved.**

### How We Can Help

ECCO's Tree Committee will be hosting tree related activities including celebrating Nebraska's Arbor Day, tree planning projects, and training opportunities to learn how to plant trees and care for your trees. ***We are also happy to meet with you individually to explore how you, on your property, can enhance ECCO's forest and the beauty of your property and our neighborhood.***

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<sup>1</sup> To learn more about Nebraska's unique tree holiday check out... <https://www.arborday.org/>