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## **New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign Provides Free Tree Seedlings to Monroe Residents**

**MONROE TOWNSHIP, N.J.** – Free tree seedlings will be available to Monroe Township residents at various events throughout the year as part of the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign. This program helps communities replace trees damaged or destroyed by Superstorm Sandy.

The first seedling distribution event will be held on Saturday, April 6 at the following times and locations: Department of Public Works located at 76 Gravel Hill Spotswood Road from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; Monroe Township Library located at 4 Municipal Plaza from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and James Monroe Park located at 140 Dey Grove Road from 10:00 a.m. – Noon.

“In addition to the environmental benefits of replacing downed trees and planting new ones in open areas, the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign helps Monroe Township maintain our Tree City USA status with the Arbor Day Foundation,” said Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro. “Residents are encouraged to visit one of the distribution sites and plant a seedling as prescribed by the instructions provided.”

Residents will be able to pick up tree seedlings on a first come, first served basis. Each resident also will receive instructions on how to store, care for, and plant the seedlings as well as guidelines for choosing 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 600,000 tree seedlings to New Jersey residents over the course of six years. It is a joint effort between Monroe Township, New Jersey Forest Service, New Jersey Soil Conservation Districts, Sustainable Jersey, Arbor Day Foundation, BJ’s Wholesale Club, Canon 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.

For a list of all distribution locations across the state, visit [www.forestry.nj.gov](http://www.forestry.nj.gov) or [www.facebook.com/newjerseyforests](https://www.facebook.com/newjerseyforests).

For inquiries regarding Monroe Township seedling distribution, please contact Pam Broskie at 732-521-4400.

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