

## Orange County Hosts Adopt-A-Tree Program - 2014

**Orange County, Florida** - Orange County/UF-IFAS Cooperative Extension Service will host twelve (12) Adopt-A-Tree events during 2014. The programs are free for Orange County citizens and are designed to encourage adding trees to our environment.

Adding trees to the landscape has many long-term benefits. Along with the obvious advantages of shade and beauty, trees provide oxygen, filter, pollution, and create habitats for wildlife. Adding trees also replenish lost canopy due to storm damage, age, and development. And of course, pride of ownership, a sense of accomplishment and increased property value are added perks.

The Adopt-A-Tree events will be held the following dates and locations from 8 a.m. until Noon (or when all the trees are gone):

### 2014 Adopt-A-Tree Program Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>District</u>
Jan 11	UF-IFAS Extension Service	6021 S. Conway Rd., Orlando FL	4
Feb 15	Barnett Park	4801 W. Colonial Dr., Orlando FL	6
Mar 15	Magnolia Park	2929 Binion Rd., Apopka FL	2
Apr 12	South Econ Park	3800 S. Econlockhatchee Trail, Orlando FL	3
May 17	Fort Christmas Historical Park	1300 Fort Christmas Rd., Christmas FL	5
Jun 21	Dr. Phillips Park	8249 Buenavista Woods Blvd., Orlando FL	1
Jul 12	UF-IFAS Extension Service	6021 S. Conway Rd., Orlando FL	4
Aug 16	Barnett Park	4801 W. Colonial Dr., Orlando FL	6
Sep 13	Magnolia Park	2929 Binion Rd., Apopka FL	2
Oct 25	South Econ Park	3800 S. Econlockhatchee Trail, Orlando FL	3
Nov 8	Fort Christmas Historical Park	1300 Fort Christmas Rd., Christmas FL	5
Dec 13	Dr. Phillips Park	8249 Buenavista Woods Blvd., Orlando FL	1

Orange County residents who want to participate need to register upon arrival and provide proof of Orange County residency: such as a driver's license, photo I.D., or utility bill. No pre-registration is necessary. Trees will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

Participants will receive an information sheet on how to plant and care for their new trees. Trees may include Live Oak, Sand Live Oak, Southern Magnolia, Red Maple and Bald Cypress depending on availability, which is subject to change. **The adoptions are limited to two trees per household only one time during the program. Trees may only be planted on private property of Orange County residents. They may not be planted in right-of-ways or in retention pond areas, nor are they to be used to enhance common area property of HOAs or developments.** Orange County Master Gardener Volunteers will be on hand to answer landscape questions.

For more information, contact the Adopt-a-Tree program coordinator at the UF/IFAS Extension Service in Orange County: (407) 254-9200.