

## 5 BENEFITS TO KNOW!

### About Planting Trees

In the hustle and bustle of our daily lives, it's easy to overlook the silent beauties surrounding us: trees. These leafy giants are not just a pretty sight; they're vital players in our planet's ecosystem and our own well-being.

While some might simply enjoy the shade or the rustle of leaves, there's a lot more to trees than meets the eye. They act as

nature's superheroes, tackling everything from harmful pollutants to protecting the critters that call them home. Trees also play a crucial role in water management, helping to prevent flooding and erosion and supporting local wildlife and biodiversity!

With a multitude of benefits, let's dig into the top five (5) unique benefits of trees that improve our world and your yard!



#### 1 NURTURE NATURE.

Trees play a crucial role in water management by absorbing rainwater to reduce runoff and naturally recharge groundwater supplies. By releasing water into the atmosphere through transpiration, they support the balance of the water cycle with essential fresh water.

#### 2 SHADE AND SAVE.

Feeling hot? Trees can help cut down your air conditioning costs! By providing shade, they reduce the need for indoor cooling and minimize water evaporation outdoors, lowering the water needs of surrounding plants. Planting trees around your home can lead to significant savings on energy bills, making your wallet and the planet happier.

#### 3 FREE FILTRATION.

Trees are like giant natural purifiers and filters. They gobble up pollutants and breathe out oxygen, helping to clean the air and water we drink. By planting more trees, we can enjoy a cleaner, healthier environment, a big win for everyone!

#### 4 BOLSTER BIODIVERSITY.

Trees are bustling neighborhoods for a variety of creatures. From birds to bees and beyond, many species rely on trees for shelter, food, and water! By supporting tree growth, we're also supporting biodiversity and maintaining a healthy water cycle so that all sorts of life can thrive.

#### 5 REAP THE REWARDS.

Did you know? Orange County participants in MWDOC's Turf Replacement Rebate Program can receive additional incentives for planting trees. Receive \$100 per tree for up to five (5) trees and reap the rewards of designing a beautiful and sustainable landscape. Apply today at [mwdoc.com/turf](https://mwdoc.com/turf)!