

### **Responsible Associations that Plant Trees:**

Choose an association that is well-known, long-established, and has a good rating from the following organizations that research and rate non-profit organizations:

Better Business Bureau  
American Institute of Philanthropy  
Charity Navigator

Choose an organization that is more interested in planting trees than selling merchandise. If you want to buy something from a company that offers to donate a tree in response, then make your purchase because you want the merchandise. If your goal is to support tree-planting, choose an organization that puts your money toward the purchase, planting, and caring for the trees. Many organizations suggest a donation of \$1 per tree planted. That includes the tree, the work and time, and the support after planting.

Choose an organization that shares research, emphasizes tree zones and the need to plant the right trees in the right place, and includes scientists and experts on its staff list, such as the following:

Arbor Day Foundation: <https://www.arborday.org/>

U.S. Forest Service Plant a Tree: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/working-with-us/donations/plant-a-tree>

National Forest Foundation: <https://www.nationalforests.org/get-involved/tree-planting-programs>

### **Guidelines for Hosting a Tree-Planting Event:**

If you want to gather some volunteers to plant trees, the best way to do that is join an event already planned by a professional organization that knows what to do. Call your local forestry service to see what reforestation projects they are planning. When you work with an organization to host an event, they often will provide free trees.

If you want a do-it-yourself event, then make sure you have permission to plant trees on the chosen farm, meadow, or burned-over area. Find a tree specialist who can give you guidelines on the best trees to plant on the chosen land, where to find the seedlings, the water table, and the details on planting and caring for the trees. Here are some websites with tips for a tree-planting event, and applications for partnerships for community tree-planting.

World Resources Institute articles about the ineffectiveness of planting trees without research before hand and proper care afterwards: <https://www.wri.org/search/site/Plant%20Trees>

Tips from YALI: Young African Leaders Initiative -  
<https://yali.state.gov/practical-tips-to-make-your-tree-planting-successful-and-fun/>

National Wildlife Association tree planting events and guidelines:  
<https://www.nwf.org/~media/PDFs/Trees-for-Wildlife/Tree-Bank-Guidelines-Update-August-2014.pdf>

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