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## Bare root trees now available from the Delaware Center for Horticulture

*Affordable, lightweight, and easy to plant*

***Give someone special a TREE for Valentine's Day this year!***

WILMINGTON, Del. – The Delaware Center for Horticulture (TheDCH) kicks off its spring bare root tree sale, with orders due Feb. 17, just in time for Valentine's Day. For this sale, every order also receives four **free** tickets to the [Delaware Home Show](#). Tickets can be redeemed at the Wilmington show on March 3 & 4 or at the Dover show on March 23 & 24.



Ten varieties of trees that thrive in our region's towns and cities will be available. TheDCH remains the only retail source in the State that sells bare root trees. To learn more about what's special about bare root trees, and to see a list of available trees and descriptions, visit <http://www.thedch.org/what-we-do/community-trees/bare-root-trees>.

Pre-paid orders can be picked up at TheDCH on March 21 or 22. A free tree planting workshop will also be offered at TheDCH on March 21 from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. For best results, trees should be planted as soon as possible to prevent the roots from drying out. Trees can be stored in a cool shady spot until you are ready to plant. Plan ahead to settle new trees in the ground by March 30. Planting trees early in the spring causes the least amount of transplant shock and gives them time to settle in before the first blast of summer heat. Click here to [order bare root trees online](#) from TheDCH.

Bare root trees have many advantages over trees with a heavy dirt ball, including:

- **Bare root trees are less expensive** than a tree of similar size with a dirt ball of roots.

- **Bare root trees are lightweight and easy to manage**, making planting a fun, family-friendly activity. They are light enough for a child to carry.
- **Bare root trees have 200% more roots.** The roots are not cut when removed from their original growing spot, and more roots means better growth.
- **The planting hole should be wide, but does not need to be deep.** This makes it easy to plant in an area with hard clay soil.
- **Bare root trees have an excellent survival rate** as long as they are watered diligently for the first two years after planting.

To learn more about the **benefits of trees**, visit:

<http://www.thedch.org/what-we-do/community-trees/benefits-trees>.

### **Every Tree Counts**

Trees planted anywhere in the tri-state region count toward the [Plant One Million](#) campaign, an initiative planting a million trees across 13 counties in Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. Trees planted in the City of Wilmington also count toward the [20,000 by 2020](#) campaign.

**For more information about the bare root tree sale or the free planting workshop, contact Annie Acton at (302) 658-6262, ext. 106, or at [aacton@TheDCH.org](mailto:aacton@TheDCH.org).**

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The **Delaware Center for Horticulture (TheDCH)** cultivates greener communities by inspiring appreciation and improvement of the environment through horticulture, education and conservation. Founded in 1977, the Center's headquarters in Wilmington include public gardens, an art gallery, a lecture hall, and a greenhouse. TheDCH plants trees and leads regional community forestry projects; supports 23 community gardens and school gardens; organizes park improvement projects; beautifies Delaware's roadsides with native vegetation; maintains the landscaping of many urban streetscapes; and provides educational programs for children and adults. For more information, visit <http://thedch.org>