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### **TheDCH supports Delmarva Power's efforts to give away 2,000 Trees** *Trees free to Delmarva customers through Arbor Day Foundation program*

The Delaware Center for Horticulture is pleased to announce a partnership with Delmarva Power to promote a free tree giveaway for residential customers.

Now through June 6, 2014, Delmarva Power is giving away 2,000 trees to customers through "Energy-Saving Trees," an Arbor Day Foundation program that helps conserve energy and reduce energy bills by planting trees in the most optimal location near their homes. Customers who are willing to plant the 2' – 4' seedling trees in locations best suited to conserve energy when mature, can reserve up to two free trees at [arborday.org/delmarva](http://arborday.org/delmarva).

The trees will be delivered directly to customers at an ideal time for planting. Trees offered include Sugar Maple, River Birch, Hackberry, American Beech, Bald Cypress, White Dogwood and Washington Hawthorn.

Arbor Day Foundation estimates that within 20 years, if correctly placed for maximum energy conservation, the 2,000 mature trees will result in more than \$380,000 in energy savings by shading homes from the sun in the summer and the cold wind in the winter.

An online tool helps customers estimate their savings. "Energy-Saving Trees" was created by the Arbor Day Foundation and the Davey Institute, a division of Davey Tree Expert Co., and uses peer-reviewed scientific research from the USDA Forest Service's i-Tree software to calculate estimated benefits. The tool also estimates other benefits, including air quality, carbon dioxide emissions and storm water management.

For more information on how to save energy, visit [delmarva.com](http://delmarva.com). For information about the benefits of trees, visit [thedch.org/what-we-do/community-trees](http://thedch.org/what-we-do/community-trees).

*Delmarva Power, a public utility owned by Pepco Holdings, Inc. provides safe and reliable energy to more than 500,000 electric delivery customers in Delaware and Maryland and nearly 124,000 natural gas delivery customers in northern Delaware.*

*The Delaware Center for Horticulture cultivates greener communities by inspiring appreciation and improvement of the environment through horticulture, education and conservation. For more information, visit [thedch.org](http://thedch.org).*