

SWCDs announce 2021 tree giveaways, sales, events

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In Mississippi, February is the month for tree planting, tree giveaways, educational events and activities to celebrate Arbor Day and Tree Planting Week.

MSWCC requested information about SWCD activities taking place in February. Some SWCDs did not plan activities because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Other SWCDs opt for a yearly tree sale and take orders in advance.

Below is a list of SWCDs responding with activities planned for tree week 2021. If you have any questions about events, please contact the SWCD in your county.

If you need assistance with your event, please contact your MSWCC



Field Representative.

Neshoba County SWCD event

Neshoba County plans to host a virtual tree program for Neshoba Central Elementary third grade students (approximately 250 students) with pine tree seedlings donated by ArborGen and SuperTree Seedlings.

The speaker for the event will be Paul Jeffreys.

For more information, contact Neshoba County Soil and Water Conservation District Administrator Erica Fortenberry at erica.fortenberry@ms.nacdnet.net, or call 601-656-8783.

—Erica Fortenberry

Montgomery County SWCD event

The Montgomery County SWCD plans to go to local elementary schools in Winona and give away 155 trees to fifth graders.

For more information, please contact Carla Walls, Montgomery County Soil and Water District Administrator, 601-824-4601, ext. 3, or email carline.walls@ms.nacdnet.net.

—Carla Walls

2021 SWCD TREE GIVEAWAYS AND SALES

FEBRUARY 3

Calhoun County SWCD Tree Giveaway

411 South Main Street, Calhoun City
Sandra Lee, sandra.lee@ms.nacdnet.net
662-628-8732, ext. 101

Varieties include Sawtooth Oak, Bald Cypress, Red Mulberry, Persimmon, American Plum, Southern Magnolia and Northern Catalpa. Limit of 1 tree per person

FEBRUARY 4

Rankin County SWCD Tree Giveaway

911 Building, Marquette Road, Brandon
Because of COVID-19 precautions, the location may change to an outside event at the Rankin County SWCD office, 300 Community Way. Hannah Vanderford, hannah.vanderford@ms.nacdnet.net, 601-824-4601, ext. 3

FEBRUARY 5

Warren County SWCD Tree Giveaway

Warren County SWCD, 2660 Sherman Avenue, Vicksburg
Nancy Melancon, nancy.melancon@ms.nacdnet.net, 601-630-0278

FEBRUARY 6

Hinds County SWCD Tree Sale

8 AM, 322 New Market Drive, Jackson
Wyvette Robinson,
Hinds County SWCD District Coordinator, 601-718-2885
wyvette.robinson@ms.nacdnet.net

FEBRUARY 11

Forrest County SWCD Tree Giveaway

10 AM, Forrest County Multi-Purpose Center, Hattiesburg
Seedlings available on a first come, first served basis: Common Apple, Chestnut Oak, Sawtooth Oak, Sawtooth Gobbler Oak, Persimmon and Chickasaw Plum.
Deena Hunter, deena.hunter@ms.nacdnet.net, 601-583-1134, ext. 3

Sunflower County SWCD Tree Giveaway

Sunflower County SWCD, 210 N. Martin Luther King Drive, Indianola
A variety of oak seedlings available; free to public
Tammy Kitchens, tammy.kitchens@ms.nacdnet.net, 662-887-9799

Washington County SWCD Tree Giveaway

3038 E. Reed Rd., Suite 2, Greenville
Seedlings available are Bald Cypress, Water Oak, Shumard Oak.
Kelly Andrews, kelly.andrews@ms.nacdnet.net, 662-332-8616

FEBRUARY 12

Carroll County 2021 Tree Giveaway

12836 Highway 35, Carrollton
Ellen Amber Carpenter, ellen.carpenter@usda.gov
662-237-0198, ext. 101
Sawtooth Oak, White Pine, Bald Cypress and Persimmon will be given away.
Carroll County took preorders for trees, which should be picked up by the purchaser(s) on Feb. 12

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FEBRUARY 12

Humphreys County SWCD Tree Giveaway

304 West Jackson Street, Belzoni
Marilyn Shelton,
marilyn.shelton@ms.nacdnet.net,
662-247-8732

A variety of oak seedlings; free to public.

Lafayette County Tree Giveaway

8 AM, Lafayette County
Multipurpose Center,
70 F.D. "Buddy" East South Parkway,
Oxford

Fruit trees: Belle of Georgia Peach, Bartlett Pear and Santa Rosa Plum.

Hardwood trees: Bald Cypress, Black Walnut, Chinese Chestnut, Eastern Redbud, Persimmon, Red Maple, Sawtooth Oak, White Oak, White Flowering Dogwood, Southern Magnolia.

Pine Seedlings:

Limit of 1 per variety for fruit trees and Southern Magnolia; hardwood seedlings limited to 3 varieties; and pine seedlings limited to 2 bundles of 25 seedlings.

Jimmie Carol Watts,
jimmiecarol.watts@ms.nacdnet.net,
662-234-8701, ext. 3

Monroe County SWCD Tree Giveaway

8 AM, Monroe County USDA Ag. Complex, Aberdeen

First come, first served. Tree giveaway will NOT begin until 8 AM; no trees will be held for anyone. Must be present to receive trees.

Limited to Monroe County Landowners only; limit of 5 trees per person.

Varieties include Sawtooth Oak, Red Maple, Nuttall Oak, Pawpaw (Banana Tree), Chestnut Oak, American Plum.

Panola County SWCD Tree Giveaway

9 AM – 4 PM

Panola County SWCD, 175 Broom Ridge Road, Suite D, Batesville

Varieties include Cherrybark Oak, Lauren Oak, Shumard Oak, Willow Oak, Bald Cypress.

Jessica Downs,

jessica.downs@ms.nacdnet.net,

662-578-8045

Prentiss County SWCD Tree Giveaway

9 AM, Booneville NRCS Field office,
615 West Church Street, Booneville
Varieties include oaks such as Cherrybark Oak, Pin Oak, Sawtooth Oak, Water Oak and Persimmon.

Teressa Gresham,
teressa.gresham@ms.nacdnet.net,
662-728-9003

Tallahatchie County SWCD/ NRCS Tree Giveaway

8AM, USDA parking lot,
360W Cypress Street, Charleston
Tiffany Franklin,
tiffany.franklin@ms.nacdnet.net,
662-647-8857, ext. 101

FEBRUARY 19

Adams County Tree Sale, Giveaway

7 AM to 12 PM

USDA Service Center, 110 Northgate Road, Natchez

Pine seedlings will be given away on first come, first served basis.

Ornamental and wildlife seedlings will be sold at a nominal cost. These are bare-root seedlings from 1-1/2 to 3 feet high, individually wrapped and labeled.

Proceeds from the SWCD Auxiliary sale will be used to support school programs for Conservation Youth Camp, Teacher Conservation Workshop, Poster Contest and other conservation education programs. For more information, call 601-493-2869 or email
theresa.mcgaughey@ms.nacdnet.net

Clay County Tree Giveaway

8 AM, USDA Service Center,
44 N. Jackson Street, West Point

Must be a resident of Clay County to receive trees.

Eastern Redbud, American Plum, Bald Cypress, Sawtooth Oak, Cherry Bark Oak, Shumard Oak, Swamp Chestnut Oak
662-494-6344



MSWCC Field Rep Lauren Wilson Dettwiller plants a tree at the Franklin County SWCD 2019 Arbor Day event .

FEBRUARY 25

Lincoln County Mike Warren Tree Sale

(in memory of Mr. Mike Warren)

Lincoln County SWCD,
1395 Johnny Johnson Drive, Suite C,
Brookhaven

Kati Smith, kati.smith@usda.gov,
601-833-9321

FEBRUARY 26

Coahoma County SWCD Tree Giveaway

7:30 AM until supply runs out
USDA Service Center parking Lot,
Clarksdale

Trees are free to people who live in Coahoma County; variety of trees, first come first served

Jeanne Hughes, NRCS-CD, Clarksdale,
jeanie.hughes@ms.nacdnet.net

If you have an event planned that is not included here, or if you have changes for your event, please contact MSWCC Public Relations Director Kathy Dougan at kdougan@mswcc.ms.gov, or call 601.354.7645, ext. 317, and she will add your event to the listing on our website at mswcc.ms.gov. Thank you!