



Old Brooklyn Reforestation Program | **Planting Pledge**

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY. BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT, YOU ARE SAYING THAT YOU UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE STATEMENTS BELOW.**

I understand that:

1. I consent to having a tree planted on my property by a professional arborist.
2. I will provide my own means of watering my tree every day for the first 3 years (15 gallons per week).
3. I will care for my tree according to the tree care instructions provided by the arborist.
4. We are not an excavation company. We are a group coordinating volunteers for this program. Please fill out this form if you would like to connect with 811 about your utilities prior to your tree planting so that you can choose a spot: <https://rebrand.ly/811-Form>.
5. I will choose a location where I want the tree to be planted using a stake provided by OBCDC.
6. If the stake is placed in a spot that will absolutely not work based on the arborist's professional opinion, OBCDC will let you know. If you hear nothing, it means the location works.
7. The tree will be planted where the stake is placed – if you change your mind once it is planted, you will be responsible for moving and replanting the tree.
8. I understand that the Old Brooklyn Reforestation Program does NOT plant trees on the tree lawn (the strip of lawn between the street and the sidewalk). Plantings will occur on private property only.
9. I meet all of the requirements for the Old Brooklyn Reforestation Program below:
  - I am an Old Brooklyn resident.
  - I have space on my property for a tree.
  - I am physically able to care for my tree or I have recruited someone that will.
10. I understand that if I rent my home, I will need to get written permission from the property owner before a tree can be planted in the yard.

**Do you rent or own your home? PLEASE CIRCLE ONE.**

I rent my home and will get written permission from the property owner before a tree is planted.

I am the property owner.

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address



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### **811 Q&A**

#### **How to connect with 811**

You can dial 811 on your phone, or visit <https://rebrand.ly/811-Form> to request the location of underground facilities near your proposed digging site. If you are unsure of what to say when you call, here is a suggestion: ***"I will be potentially digging in my yard, and I want to know where the utilities are."***

#### **What is 811?**

811 is the national call-before-you-dig phone number. Anyone who plans to dig should call 811 or go to the website above a few business days before digging to request that the approximate location of buried utilities be marked with paint or flags so you are informed about where to place your tree so that it won't interfere with anything.

#### **Why is it important to connect with 811 before planting a tree?**

Understanding where your utilities are located will ensure that you do not plant a tree on top of a utility line. Always contact your 811 center, wait the required time for utilities to respond to your request, and ensure that all utilities have responded to your request before digging.

#### **Why can't OBCDC or the arborist company call 811 for me?**

Because we are a business entity, we cannot call on your behalf. Calls are free for property owners. You can either fill out the form at <https://rebrand.ly/811-Form>, or call 811. If you are unsure of what to say, you can say ***"I will be potentially digging in my yard, and I want to know where the utilities are."***

We want to ensure that each homeowner is in charge of their planting project and get the experience in preparing for a tree planting so that it can be used in the future + shared with neighbors.