



Can you Spare a tree for free?

As a first task of your Pond Committee, we have approval to plant some spruce trees on the north side of the garbage area. These trees will serve as a partial screen to this space and will make our entrance into the Retreat even more beautiful than it already is!

We are looking for some little spruce tree transplants -- from your yard to our community yard. Take a look around your property and if you have a few to spare, we'd love to have them. Can you spare a tree for free?

Kind of cool as we'll all have our special tree to plant and watch grow. Of course, it will take a few years for our screen to gain some bigness -- so -- there's no time like the present to get things rolling.

Here's some information on Mykes. I've had great success with this product.

<http://www.usemyke.com/mycorise/gardening/tree/myketree/myketree.htm>

Here's the plan

At the beginning of August there will be one of those plastic boxes down by the garbage area. In this box, there will be 12 bags of dirt...let's plant 12 trees. There will also be a container of Mykes and there will be stakes or some type of markings in the area to show you where to plant your tree.

If our transplants are small (perhaps 12-24" or so) they will have a much better chance of survival. Take 1 bag of dirt for each tree you are transplanting.

Dig a hole for your tree, making it a size that can accommodate lots of nice black loam below and around it. Fill your hole with the loam and before you install your tree, sprinkle some of the Mykes onto the tree root and into the hole. Probably about a tablespoon or so.

Plop your tree ever so gently into the hole and cover it with dirt - it's ok to use the dirt you initially dug. Patch in the grass you removed as best you can. Tamp gently and water.

If you have any leftover dirt, could you take it away in the empty loam bag you have and use it somewhere on your property

Once you see the box down by the garbage area, you can choose whatever time works for you to plant your tree.

**Thank you
for your spare tree for free**