



Florida's state tree is the Sable Palm

Florida State Statistics

Active Arbor Day Foundation members in Florida
28,575



TREE CITY USA® Program in Florida:

Tree City USA Communities: **135**
Total population served: **6,052,486**

Largest Tree City USA in Florida
Miami, population 362,920

Smallest Tree City USA in Florida:
Pomona Park, population 815

Arbor Day Poster Contest Participants in Florida:
100 Fifth grade classrooms
2,500 Fifth grade students

Arbor Day Award Winners from Florida: **29**

Arbor Day in Florida is celebrated on the third Friday in January

Florida

Trees for Success Program Set To Plant Trees in Miami

During the last four years, more than 4,000 trees have been planted across the country at schools and local parks because of the Trees for Success program. Trees for Success is a national program, sponsored by The Home Depot Foundation, that demonstrates the many educational and environmental benefits trees provide to improve the health of our communities. Schoolchildren in 13 cities across the country will have an opportunity to add new trees to their school grounds or neighborhoods where they live and play.



National Tree Planting Campaign • 2009

The Arbor Day Foundation will collaborate with local Miami-based nonprofit tree-planting organizations to plant up to 100 large trees on school grounds in the Miami area during the Trees for Success national campaign. Miami's celebration is an outstanding example of the Arbor Day Foundation working with local nonprofit groups and important corporate partners to advance community forestry across the nation. Visit arborday.org for more information on the "Trees for Success" national campaign.

Florida Members Plant 148,739 Trees

The Arbor Day Foundation's dedicated members are making a difference by planting trees in their communities across the United States. Our 28,575 Florida members have helped plant more than 148,739 trees across the state last year.

Charles Sandell, a loyal member from Wellington, Florida has been planting Foundation membership trees since 1998. Recently, Charles sent in the photo at right to show off his Crapemyrtle tree. With wonderful, dedicated members like Charles, Florida will always have a strong and majestic tree presence.

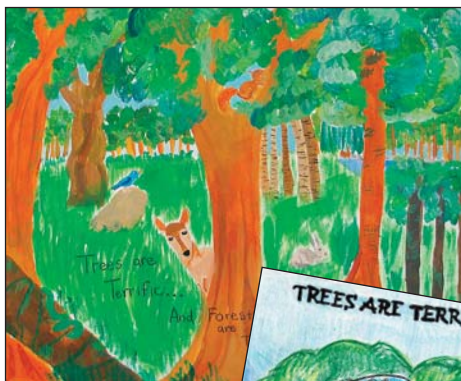


Photo of Charles Sandell's tree he planted in Florida.

Thousands of Florida Students Take Part in Arbor Day Poster Contest

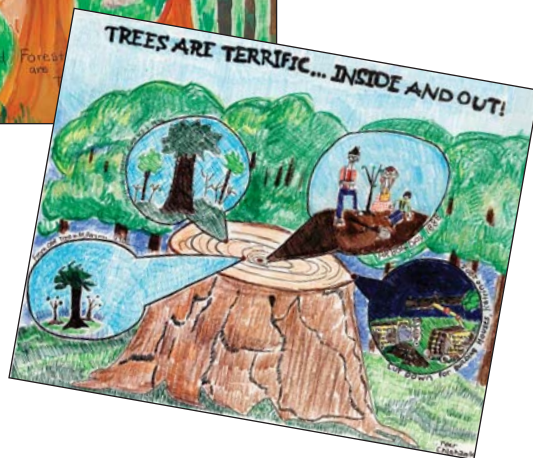
Each year, the Arbor Day Foundation coordinates the Arbor Day National Poster Contest, sponsored by Toyota, for fifth graders in classrooms across the country. Now in its seventeenth year, the contest touches millions of children with its message about the importance of trees and wise environmental stewardship.

During the 2008 contest more than 2,500 Florida fifth-grade students had the opportunity to learn the importance of tree diversity in a community forest. Tyler C. was named the state contest winner. His winning poster depicted several parts of a tree illustrating the contest's 2008 theme, "Trees Are Terrific...Inside and Out!"



(Top Left) 2007 Florida State Winner

(Right) 2008 Florida State Winner



Florida Tree City USAs Support Community Forestry

The Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA program encourages, supports and strengthens effective urban and community forestry programs in diverse communities nationwide through recognition, education, and publicity. From the humble beginning of the program 33 years ago, it has grown to be the leading community forestry recognition program in the country, with nearly 3,300 designated Tree City USAs across America.

Tree City USA is thriving in Florida because of the strong partnership between the Arbor Day Foundation and the Florida Division of Forestry. Florida boasts 135 certified Tree City USA communities. Last year, Florida's Tree City USAs spent a combined total of \$60,293,544 on their urban forestry budgets benefiting the more than 6 million Florida residents who live in those communities. The dedication of Florida's urban and community foresters, city officials, and citizens to planting and caring for trees in their cities and towns helps increase energy savings, clean the air and water and beautify the entire state.



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