



BIG TREE CHAMPIONS CONTEST

In honor of Arbor Day, the Homer Glen Environment Committee is looking for the biggest trees in the Village of Homer Glen. Nominations for every species of living tree that exists are encouraged to be submitted. Verification of measurement will be made by the Environment Committee. The largest tree of each species (such as maple, oak, pine, etc.) will receive recognition. Residents and stakeholders are encouraged to search in forests, parks, and private property with permission of the property owner in the Village of Homer Glen.

RULES and GUIDELINES

If any tree is larger than those listed on the current Illinois Big Tree Register, the tree will be submitted for nomination.

- A maximum of five nominations may be submitted by an individual.
- If the tree identification is not known, the tree measurement and location may be submitted.
- Guidelines for measuring trees must be followed.
- Photographs are encouraged but are not necessary.
- Applications must be submitted by May 15, 2023.

MEASUREMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Trees are to be measured using a flexible tape measure. The circumference of the tree is to be measured at four and one half (4 ½) feet from ground level. If the tree forks at or below 4 ½ feet, record the smallest trunk circumference below the lowest fork. Record the height at which the measurement was taken.

CURRENT BIG TREE CHAMPIONS *(circumference measurement in inches)*

Ash - 91"	Norway Spruce – 100"
Bald Cypress - 60"	Pin Oak – 113.5"
Black Walnut - 146.5"	Red Oak - 128"
Blue Spruce – 100"	River Birch - 46"
Burr Oak - 173"	Shagbark Hickory - 65.5"
Catalpa – 119"	Shingle Oak – 26.75"
Common Buckeye - 50"	Silver Maple - 132"
Eastern Cottonwood - 99.5"	Sugar Maple - 122"
Hard Maple - 99"	Sycamore – 112"
Hedge Apple – 133 ¾"	Tulip Tree - 94.5"
Japanese Maple - 35"	Weeping Willow – 160"
Locust – 129"	White Mulberry – 73.5"
Musclewood - 11"	White Oak – 141"
Norway Maple – 69"	Wild Black Cherry - 102"



Big Tree Champions 2023 Application

Submit by May 15, 2023

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Phone _____ Email _____

TREE SUBMITTED SPECIES _____

LOCATION _____

MEASURED AT 4 ½ FEET FROM GROUND YES NO

MEASURED BELOW FORK (See Instructions) YES NO

Height Measured _____

PHOTOGRAPH SUBMITTED YES NO

Use another sheet of paper if more information is to be shared.

A separate application should be submitted for each tree.

Submit Application to Melissa King at: mking@homerglenil.org

Or Mail to Melissa King at: **Village of Homer Glen, 14240 West 151st Street, Homer Glen, IL 60491**

For more information call 708-301-0632

