



APRIL WEATHER PREDICTION FOR FLORIDA

Temperatures and precipitation near normal. Temperatures should average from 70 in the north to 75 in the south. Showers and thunderstorms most numerous about April 2-6.



APRIL GARDENING TIPS

Plant a new tree to celebrate Arbor Day. Trees keep our air supply fresh by absorbing carbon dioxide and producing oxygen. They improve water quality by slowing and filtering rain water, and they protect aquifers and watersheds. In one year, an acre of trees absorbs an equal amount of carbon emitted by a car driven up to 8,700 miles. Trees also provide shade and shelter, reducing yearly heating and cooling costs by \$2.1 billion. They're the longest living organisms on earth and produce their food through photosynthesis. To remove trees, you need a permit except for Punk (cajeput), Brazilian Peppers, Australian Pines, and Chinese Tallow. For a tree removal permit or more information on removals, call 562-4746.



FLORIDA TIDBIT

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Florida's first Constitution was drafted in anticipation of statehood.

TREE GIVEAWAY



The city gave 2,000 trees to Clearwater residents at its annual Arbor Day celebration and celebrated the city's recognition as a Tree City USA for 25 years in a row. These saplings are paid for by "tree bank" funds, or fees paid for the removal of trees.

- Secured a 100-foot portable tower to provide emergency radio backup after a disaster.
- Consolidated all city electrical and Fire Department mechanics into the Building and Maintenance and Fleet Maintenance divisions.
- Completed phase I of renovations to Coachman Park Dock Master building for boat slip project.
- Provided maintenance and/or repair services to various city facilities, including City Hall, Parks and Beautification Facility, Municipal Services Building, K-9 kennels at Countryside Police Substation, and the Marshall Street Water Pollution Control plant.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR DEVELOPMENT & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

- Installed Internet permitting system capability. E-permitting allows customers to obtain a variety of minor permits without having to travel to a city building.
- Began new citywide imaging system program in partnership with the Official Records & Legislative Services Office. The system is for scanning and recording documents and went into use Nov. 20, 2006.
- Hosted a nationwide Tidemark Software Users Conference, held at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort.
- Established a Graffiti Eradication Task Force. Host monthly meetings with Police, Solid Waste, and Parks & Recreation to eliminate graffiti throughout the city.
- Initiated the Clearwater Awards for Neighborhoods grant program to improve civic engagement at the grassroots level.