

# Healthy Trees, Healthy Lives



View the icons and images below to learn why trees are vital to good health and well being.

## Trees care for your vitality

Trees absorb pollutants so you can breathe clean, fresh air, helping your brain release serotonin to boost your energy and mood.



## Trees care for your peace of mind

Exposure to forests decreases mental fatigue by relaxing and restoring your mind as well as providing a sense of security.



## Trees care for your little ones

Urban trees are found to promote higher birth weights and support good health in newborn babies.



## Trees care for your healing

Viewing trees while recovering from surgery can increase a patient's pain threshold, requiring less pain relievers and shortening recovery time.



## Trees care for your heart

Exposure to trees relaxes and restores your mind, lowering your blood pressure and heart rate.



## Trees care for your comfort

Shade from a tree's canopy can reduce temperatures by up to 20°F, making it more comfortable to be outdoors.



## Trees care for your fitness

Green spaces and tree-lined streets encourage walking, outdoor activities and generally healthier lifestyles.



## Trees care for your brain

Children who play in nature are more relaxed and attentive, which improves learning and performance in school.



## Trees care for your fighting power

Being in and around nature helps your body's immune system and boosts disease-fighting cells to act faster.



## Trees care for your skin

Urban trees throw shade on your exposure to harmful UV rays, reducing your chances of developing skin cancer.



## Trees care for your nutrition

Fruit and nuts from trees contain antioxidants which boost your immune system and provide healthy fats to help decrease bad cholesterol levels.



## Trees care for your lungs

Trees help keep our world clean and healthy by filtering particles out of the air we breathe, decreasing the risk of respiratory illnesses.



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