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## **ADOPT-A-ROW**

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The Adopt-a-Row program enables individuals, groups, or organizations to adopt a row to care for at the Shadetree Partnership Nursery in Irvine. The following tasks are examples of what the adoptee will be doing as part of the program. Shadetree asks that an estimated minimum of eight hours of work a month be dedicated to this program.

- Weeding of the tree containers.
- Staking and pruning of the trees.
- Bi-annual fertilizing of the trees.
- Hand watering as needed, especially newly planted trees.
- Root pruning or cutting of roots that have protruded out of the bottom of the container.
- Verification of drip emitter to each tree container, at least one emitter per container.
- Upsizing of various plants.
- Starting plants from cuttings or by seeds.

Also involved will be good housekeeping rules such as making sure all gates and doors are closed and locked upon completion of the day's work, picking up and returning tools to appropriate storage areas, cleaning up the work area and disposing of all trash in the dumpster and observance of all of Shadetree's posted rules of conduct.

Please note that if the organization is a high school or similar affiliated club, it is required that a teacher/advisor or parent/adult also be at every event. This would also apply to individuals wishing to adopt the nursery, the age requirement would be 17 years of age to do so without an adult present.

If you are interested in this program, and would like to discuss and/or sign up for the Adopt-a-Row concept, please send an email to [info@shadetreepartnership.org](mailto:info@shadetreepartnership.org).

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