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BEAT THE WINTER DOLDRUMS BY PLANTING TREES

The gray days of January may lure some people toward inactivity, but landscape enthusiasts know this is the perfect time to plan for the future by planting tree seedlings. The Georgia Forestry Commission offers a variety of hardwood and pine seedlings for sale to the public at prices unmatched by retail outlets.

"Tree seedlings are dormant in winter," said Russ Pohl, Chief of Reforestation for the Georgia Forestry Commission (GFC). "In this condition they can tolerate the stress of storage, shipping, and planting, so it is the ideal time to get them ordered and in the ground." Pohl added that the wet weather Georgia has been experiencing is making planting conditions better than in past seasons.

By logging onto GaTrees.org and selecting the "Seedlings" drop-down menu, GFC website visitors can choose from packages of seedlings that will grow to enhance any yard or property type in the state. Dogwoods, crepe myrtles, redbuds, and Georgia's state tree, the live oak, are among the species available. The beautiful, native longleaf pine is also offered. Civic organizations, neighborhood associations and other groups are encouraged to explore website materials and reap the extraordinary pricing benefits of dividing the seedlings among members. Residents are also reminded of the many environmental benefits offered by trees, including clean air, clean water, and wildlife habitat.

"It's easy to order GFC seedlings," said Pohl. "Use the order form on the website and mail it with payment. You can also call the GFC for information and to arrange delivery of the seedlings."

Deliveries end the last week of February, but trees can be picked up at GFC's Flint River nursery into mid-March.

For information, visit GaTrees.org or call 1-800-GA-TREES.

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