

Adopting Hemlocks from Save Georgia's Hemlocks

Save Georgia's Hemlocks has a saplings program to make healthy hemlocks available for adoption by individuals and donation to schools and nonprofits. Some of them have been raised from seed in Dahlonega, but most are acquired by donation from north Georgia property owners who allow us to rescue, pot, and maintain them in one of our nurseries.

At the time of rescue and potting and each year thereafter that they're still in our nurseries, the little trees are treated with an Imidacloprid product that protects them from the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid for one year at a time. When you adopt and plant our saplings, you can put them on an inexpensive, easy-to-do 5-year cycle of retreatment to continue their protection, and we'll provide you the necessary instructions.

To adopt hemlocks, you may visit one of our SGH sapling nurseries, but please contact the nursery host first to schedule an appointment as the trees are at our private homes. They are located as follows:

- * Buz Stone in Lakemont, Rabun County buzstone@gmail.com
- * Chris Curtin in Ellijay, Gilmer County christead@yahoo.com
- * Donna Shearer in Dahlonega, Lumpkin County donna@savegeorgiashemlocks.org

SGH does not sell its trees, but we offer them for adoption for a suggested tax-deductible donation (cash or check). We usually have or can get the following locally grown plants:

Description	Size	Suggested donation
Seedlings	<1'tall	\$1 bare-root, \$5 potted
Saplings (natural shape)	1 – 2' tall in 1 gallon pot	\$10
Saplings (natural shape)	2 – 3' tall in 1 gallon pot	\$15
Saplings (natural shape)	3' tall in 3 gallon pot	\$20 – \$25 depending on fullness
Saplings (natural shape)	4' tall in 3-5 gallon pot	\$30 – \$35 depending on fullness
Saplings (sheared)	3' tall in 3-5 gallon pot	\$40 when available
Saplings (sheared)	4' tall in 3-5 gallon pot	\$50 when available
Larger hemlocks may be available with the suggested donation based on plant size.		

The best time to plant hemlocks is either in late winter / early spring or in the fall. It is highly recommended that you print the [planting instructions](#) that we use for planting our own hemlocks and acquire the necessary planting materials in advance so you can get your tree(s) into the ground as soon as possible.

Of course, you may adopt our trees at any time, but if you won't be able to get them planted during one of the optimal planting windows, you should store them in a semi-shady location protected from the wind and water them once a week during any week that you don't have a good rain.

To get your new trees home, you should plan to carry them either inside your vehicle or in a truck bed securely covered with a tarp to keep them from drying out in the wind during transport.

Contact the Hemlock Help Line 706-429-8010 for more information about hemlock adoption, planting, care and maintenance.

