

# 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 their private homes.

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- \* Chris Curtin in Ellijay, Gilmer County      email [chrstead@yahoo.com](mailto:chrstead@yahoo.com)      text 404-630-0156
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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
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Larger hemlocks may be available with the suggested donation based on plant size.		

**The best time to plant hemlocks** is fall, with late winter or early spring being second best. It is highly recommended that you print the appropriate 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. You'll find specific instructions for B&B, bare-root, and potted saplings on the Resources page [www.savegeorgiashemlocks.org/Resources.htm](http://www.savegeorgiashemlocks.org/Resources.htm) in the "Other SGH Instructions & Reference Materials" section.

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.



## **Planting and Care Instructions**

Instructions for the planting and care of hemlock seedlings and saplings can be found on the Resources page [www.savegeorgiashemlocks.org/Resources.htm](http://www.savegeorgiashemlocks.org/Resources.htm) in the “Other SGH Instructions & Reference Materials” section.

## **Free Hemlocks**

As part of our educational and charitable service initiatives, we also give away hemlock seedlings to schools, churches, and other nonprofit organizations. We are particularly interested in finding groups willing to undertake hemlock growing projects and will supply the starter trees, planting materials, and training free of charge.

**For more information, please contact the Hemlock Help Line<sup>SM</sup> 706-429-8010  
or visit our web site [www.savegeorgiashemlocks.org](http://www.savegeorgiashemlocks.org).**