



The original Liberty Tree, an elm, stood in Boston since 1646. It served as a community gathering spot and focal point for political discourse. During the War for Independence, the British Loyalists chopped it down, but more in other towns were made from a variety of species soon appeared.

To plant a Liberty Tree in your community, first choose any species of tree, the most common was oak. However, choose a species for your environment. Then follow the guidelines in the Comprehensive Tree Planting Guide and plant the tree in an often frequented gathering area in your community. Finally, promote your Liberty Tree by placing a commemorative sign. Then decorate in a traditional style with flags and streamers, and host community discussions. The Liberty Tree is an American tradition of freedom.



