

Fall 2026 – Newark Tree Canopy Initiative Training Schedule

Training Hours: 9:30 am – 3:00 pm

Lunch: 30-minute unpaid lunch break each day

Address: 15 Washington St, Newark, NJ 07102

Thursday, September 10 – Day 1

9:30–10:15 – Welcome & Introductions

10:15–10:45 – Classroom Expectations & Norms

10:45–11:00 – Workbooks & Online Resources

11:00–12:15 – Trees 101

12:15–12:45 – Lunch

12:45–1:15 – Icebreakers & “Being the Tree” Activity

1:15–2:45 – Tree ID Basics

2:45–3:00 – Wrap up

Friday, September 11 – Day 2

9:30–10:00 – Review & Workbook Questions

10:00–12:00 – Safety Training: Emergency, Tool, Machine, Digging & Road Safety; Tree Planter Wellness

12:00–12:30 – Lunch

12:30–2:15 – Plant ID Part 1

2:15–2:45 – Planting Containers: Types, Pros & Cons

2:45–3:00 – Wrap up

Thursday, September 17 – Day 3

9:30–10:00 – Review & Workbook Questions

10:00–12:00 – Plant ID Part 2

12:00–12:30 – Lunch

12:30–1:30 – Pruning

1:30–2:45 – Soil Basics

2:45–3:00 – Wrap-up

Friday, September 18 – Day 4

9:30–11:00 – Pruning instruction

11:00–11:30 – Lunch

11:30–2:30 – Outdoor Pruning Lesson

2:30–3:00 – Wrap-Up

Thursday, September 24 — Day 5

10:00 — Arrive on Campus; Location TBA
10:15–12:00 — Campus Tree Planting
12:00–12:30 — Livingston Tiny Forest Visit
12:30–1:00 — Lunch
1:00–2:30 — Rutgers Gardens Visit
2:30 — Travel Back to Newark

Friday, September 25 — Day 6

9:30–10:00 — Review, Workbook Questions & Planting Methods
10:00–10:45 — Review Activities & Tool Identification
10:45–11:00 — Tracking Planting Success & Survivorship
11:00–12:30 — Site Assessment & Outdoor Walk
12:30–1:00 — Lunch
1:00–2:45 — Practice Tree ID Walk
2:45–3:00 — Review, Questions & Wrap-Up

Reminder: Bring a printed copy of your resume for Day 7.

Thursday, October 1 — Day 7

9:30–10:00 — Review & Workbook Questions
10:00–10:45 — Guest Presentation
10:45–11:45 — Outdoor Tree Condition Assessment
11:45–12:15 — Lunch
12:15–12:45 — Guest Presentation / ISA
12:45–2:00 — Interview Skills & Resume Workshop
2:00–3:00 — Career Panel

Friday, October 2 — Day 8

Location: UVSO, 1033 Rte 510, Newark, NJ 07106
Rutgers Newark classroom is unavailable.

9:30–10:00 — Review & Workbook Questions
10:00–11:00 — Tree ID Walk Review
11:00–12:00 — Group Discussion, Wrap-Up & Planting Coordination
12:00–12:30 — Lunch
12:30–1:30 — Cooperative Extension, Finding Reliable Information & Post-Planting Care
1:30–2:45 — Career Panel

2:45-3:00 — Final Survey & Program Conclusion