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## Clark County Giving Away 2,300 Trees **Through Community Canopy Project**

Partnership with Arbor Day Foundation Will Increase Shade Trees, Turn Down Summer Heat in Vegas Valley.

Over the next few months, neighborhoods throughout Clark County will be blossoming with weeping willows, chaste trees, Japanese magnolias and more, thanks to a partnership between the Clark County Department of Environment & Sustainability (DES) and the Arbor Day Foundation. More than simply providing aesthetic charm, the Community Canopy Project—part of Stay Cool Clark County, an All-In Clark County initiative—aims to address rising summer temperatures in the region.

#### The Long, Hot, Deadly Summer of 2024

According to the National Weather Service (NWS), 2024 was the hottest summer on record for Southern Nevada. Records were set this summer for highest recorded temperature (120° F on July 7). average high temperature (107.6° F) and average temperature (96.2° F). The Clark County Office of the Coroner/Medical Examiner reported 526 deaths where heat was a factor last year.

#### **About the Community Canopy Project**

In partnership with the Arbor Day Foundation, DES will deliver about 4,500 trees to Clark County community members over 2024 and 2025. Residents with the greatest need will be prioritized, based on a map of local heat vulnerability. Clark County residents are eligible for at least one, free, water-efficient tree.

### How to Receive a Tree

Residents may go to www.ArborDay.org/ClarkCountyDES to claim a tree. The Community Canopy Project is available through May 2025 or until supplies run out.

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Located in Clark County, Nevada, the Department of Environment and Sustainability (DES) is the region's air pollution control agency. DES also administers the Desert Conservation Program and leads the All-In Clark County initiative to address climate impacts in Southern Nevada. Whether it's protecting the air we share, protecting species like the desert tortoise or making home and vehicle electrification easier for residents, our team is united by our shared passion to create a cleaner, healthier, more sustainable Southern Nevada.

Clark County is a dynamic and innovative organization dedicated to providing top-quality service with integrity, respect and accountability. With jurisdiction over the world-famous Las Vegas Strip and covering an area the size of New Jersey, Clark is the nation's 11th-largest county and provides extensive regional services to 2.4 million citizens and 43 million visitors a year. Included are the nation's 7th-busiest airport, air quality compliance, social services and the state's largest public hospital, University Medical Center. The County also provides municipal services that are traditionally provided by cities to 1 million residents in the unincorporated area. Those include fire protection, roads and other public works, parks and recreation, and planning and development.