



GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA  
Ministry of Home Affairs

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**Department of Planning**

## **Guide to Plant Vouchers**

### **History of Tulo Valley Plant Nursery**

Tulo Valley Plant Nursery is located next to the Admiralty House property in Pembroke Bermuda. Between 1815 and 1950, Tulo Valley was a kitchen garden. This was when the Admirals of the Royal Naval Dockyard used the house as their residence.

Subsequently in 1957, Bermuda Government took over the property and Tulo Valley is now part of the Bermuda Parks Department. It was converted into a plant nursery mainly for the purpose of experimenting with new plantations and growing some of Bermuda's native and endemic plants. Many of the flowers and plants you see on roundabouts and in other public areas, have been cultivated at Tulo Valley.

### **What are Plant Vouchers?**

Over the years the Department of Planning have collaborated with Department of Parks to establish a "Plant Voucher Program" for residential development subject to planning approval. The Plant Voucher Program permits the applicant to purchase plants from Tulo Valley Nursery at a discounted price.

### **How do I Obtain Plant Vouchers?**

The Plant Voucher certificate entitles persons deemed to meet the criteria determined by Technical Officers at The Department of Planning. As such persons to the subsidized purchase of plants from Tulo Valley Nursery totaling not more than:

1. \$280 (private residential housing scheme) and/or
2. \$525 (woodland management scheme)

Plant vouchers may be issued to all approved residential development on undeveloped properties which will include residential development that meet at least 1 criteria below;

- Developments on vacant lots
- Increase of the existing site coverage by 50% or more;
- Major landscaping projects (including Conservation Management Plans) & major excavation cuts;
- Construction of major retaining walls with planters and/or terraced landscaping.

## Protocol for the Issuance of Plant Vouchers

<b>Step 1</b>	The application will be checked to see if it meets the criteria stated on the plant voucher certificate
<b>Step 2</b>	The applicant must request a Voucher Certificate signed by the Planning Officer or alternatively the applicant can submit the voucher and request it be signed by the Planning Officer
<b>Step 3</b>	The applicant is then able to take the signed and filled out form (alternatively can email the form to parksdept@gov.bm) to Tulo Valley

## Expiration of Plant Vouchers

The Plant Voucher certificate shall be valid as long as the Building Permit is **active** and all vouchers should be honored prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Completion and Occupancy when a development is determined by Technical Officers and/or Building Inspectors to be complete. This will follow the pursuit of the planning condition below.

*'In the interests of visual amenity, the entire site, subject of this application shall be landscaped in accordance with the hereby approved plans prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Completion and Occupancy. Any trees or shrubs shown on approved plans which are removed, which die or which become seriously diseased or damaged shall be replaced by trees and/or shrubs of similar pot size, growth size and species to those originally required to be planted'.*

## Closing Remarks

The Plant voucher initiative recognizes the importance for intra-departmental collaboration and catapults a need for closer intra-departmental collaboration with the desire to achieve many objectives of the Bermuda Plan 2018, namely Chapter 10 entitled 'Green Spaces and Landscaping'. The main objectives in this chapter encourage a high standard of landscaping in all developments which encourage the planting of endemic and native species.

**A copy of the certificate can be found on the Department of Planning's Website**

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS  
**Native & Endemic  
 Plant Voucher Certificate**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**This certificate entitles the said person:**  
 to the subsidized purchase of plants from Tulo Valley Nursery totaling not more than:

- **\$280 (private residential housing scheme) and/or**
- **\$525 (woodland management scheme)**

**Requirements to apply for Plant Vouchers**  
 (Meets one (1) requirement below)

Plant vouchers may be issued to all approved residential developments which include:

- Developments on vacant lots
- Increase of the existing site coverage by 50% or more;
- Major landscaping projects (including Conservation Management Plans) & major excavation cuts;
- Construction of major retaining walls with planters and/or terraced landscaping.

Planning reference # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Planning Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

The plants available are restricted to native, endemic and approved naturalized species only.

The subsidized prices are as follows:

**\$7.00** for one (1) gallon  
**\$35.00** for three (3) gallon  
**\$ 150.00** for fifteen (15) gallon

Please note that any requests above the monetary value of this voucher **will be charged at current market value and will be subject to availability.**

No photocopies of this form will be accepted.

*office use only*

<u>\$ Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Signature</u>

**Parks reference #** \_\_\_\_\_

## List of plants available for purchase:

# APPROVED PLANT LIST

### TREES

**Bay Grape** – *Coccoloba uvifera*  
**Bermuda Cedar** – *Juniperus bermudiana*  
**Bermuda Palmetto** – *Sabal bermudana*  
**Button Wood** – *Conocarpus erectus*  
**Lamarck's Trema** – *Trema lamarckiana*  
**Mulberry** – *Morus rubra*  
**Olivewood Bark** – *Cassine laneana*  
**Southern Hackberry** – *Celtis laevigata*

### WOODY SHRUBS & BUSHES

**Doc Bush** – *Baccharis glomeruliflora*  
**Forestiera** – *Forestiera segregata*  
**Jamaican Dogwood** – *Dodonaea viscosa*  
**Sea Lavender** – *Mallotonia gnaphalodes*  
**Snowberry** – *Chiococca bermudiana*  
**Spanish Bayonet** – *Yucca aloifolia*  
**Tassel Plant** – *Suriana maritima*  
**Turkey Berry** – *Callicarpa americana*  
**Wax Myrtle** – *Myrica cerifera*  
**White Stopper** – *Eugenia monticola* syn. *(E. axillaris)*  
**Pittosporum** – *Pittosporum tobira*  
**Tamarisk** – *Tamarix gallica*

### SHRUBBY PLANTS & SUB-SHRUBS

**Beach Lobelia, Scaevola** – *Scaevola plumieri*  
**Bear's Foot** – *Polymnia uvedalia*  
**Bird Pepper** – *Capsicum baccatum*  
**Coast Sophora** – *Sophora tomentosa*  
**Darrells Fleabane** – *Erigeron darrellianus*  
**Iodine Bush, Sea Lavender** – *Mallotonia gnaphalodes*  
**Rhacoma** – *Crossopetalum rhacoma* syn. *Rhacoma crossopetalum*  
**Salt Marsh Ox-eye** – *Borrchia frutescens*  
**Sea Ox-eye** – *Borrchia arborescens*  
**Wild Bermuda Pepper** – *Peperomia septentrionalis*

### VINES & CLIMBERS

**Bay Bean** – *Canavalia rosea*  
**Bermuda Bean** – *Phaseolus lignosus*  
**Ink Berry, Small Passion Flower** – *Passiflora suberosa*

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