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SEVILLE/ The **tree planting campaign** of the **Seville City Council** begins with the aim of having planted around 1,600 trees in the eleven districts of the city by next February. This was announced this Sunday by the Parks and Gardens department and detailed by Mayor **José Luis Sanz** : " **1,151 trees** will be planted throughout the city in a first phase, and there will be a second phase in which **around 600 more trees** will be planted until approximately mid-February."

According to information provided by the municipal government, the planting will be carried out "on **20,000 empty tree pits** in the city", with the aim of having them all filled with trees "in 2028". In this regard, Sanz has indicated that "we have studied and diagnosed the tree pits to reverse the situation left by the Government of Antonio Muñoz with many tree pits without maintenance and a large part built in areas of access for people with reduced mobility, among other deficiencies due to lack of management".

"Last week we carried out the first planting of orange trees in Los Pajaritos, Sevilla Este and Su Eminencia, among other areas. The planting campaign will be carried out following technical criteria with different species chosen with special attention to their resilience to climate change and in accordance with the **Seville Master Plan for Trees** ," specifies the information released by the City Council.

Sanz said that "the previous Government announced that it would plant 5,000 trees a year, but these plantations included shrubs and many plants that did not meet the technical requirements established in the General Master Plan for Urban Trees." "Our Government team has opted to plant trees more efficiently to guarantee the future of all the trees and to ensure that they do not end up drying out. We are not going to make the same mistakes as Antonio Muñoz's team, who went so far as to plant oleanders as if they were trees, and our priority will be street trees, and we are seeking collaboration with other entities and organisations to be able to carry out more plantings focused on parks, which will be published once we have them," Sanz said.

On the other hand, the City Council highlights that the reforestation of **2,300 trees has begun in the south of Palmas Altas**. The mayor explained that it is part of a comprehensive action in which "2,300 trees will be planted between now and February between the roads and the park that will be located in this new residential area of Seville, next to the Guadaíra river and the Cortijo del Cuarto, one of the main green lungs of 21st century Seville."

Sanz explained that "the current Government will not stop caring for and increasing the plant mass and its green heritage, synonymous with a better quality of life." In this regard, the mayor indicated that "we want to build a green Seville through proper management of the trees, always following the instructions of the professionals in our Tree and Parks and Gardens departments."

"We continue with our commitment to review all strategies for treating open spaces so that shade and vegetation predominate to the detriment of hard spaces and pavements. We are reviewing and analysing different streets that have been without trees for many years so that we can reverse this situation." To conclude, Sanz said that "I will not give up on my efforts to make Seville greener to cushion the effects of the heat in a sustainable way."

The campaign is starting this year after a tough weather event. The [Bernard](#) *Bernard* storm , with strong winds and rain, killed a thousand specimens that could not withstand the storm and ended up on the ground.

For its part, during the **2022-2023 planting period** , under the municipal mandate of the socialist Antonio Muñoz, the campaign closed with 2,392 new specimens. Most of them were destined for public roads, exceeding 350 units in the Este-Alcosa-Torreblanca, Norte and Cerro-Amate districts. Another 459 specimens were installed in large parks, highlighting the 350 that were planted in the Vega de Triana-Muro-Carlos III Park. By species, last year, above all, new orange trees, jacarandas, sophoras, paniculatas or joboneros de la china, hackberry trees, tipuanas or ash trees were planted.

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This sounds like the little flowerpot in Madrid



C **Wow, what a rod!**
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Plant, plant, plant. And what about watering them? I'm sick of seeing trees planted on my street and then not watered, fertilized, cared for, etc. Hackberry trees, callistemons... A few months later, planting again...



T **tinguar**
Nov 26, 2023 - 20:38h

When summer comes, they will prohibit watering them as happened this year and they will dry out.



N **Nina10**
Nov 26, 2023 - 20:25h

The PP always more. I didn't know they were so interested in the environment. Yesterday I passed by Gavidia and it was disgusting, all the oranges on the ground apart from plastic. Ahhhhh there were the street sweepers chatting. JJaja



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Let's see if they plant one of the two cypress trees that always dries up and dies in the Church of San Andrés. The square is very ugly and lifeless.



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