

How to Decorate SNAIL Trees with Bows

The City Arborist has asked SNAIL not to attach tape to trees. We hang our bows in a way that does not harm the neighborhood trees.

1. **Prep the bow** by giving the twist-tie about 4 extra twists. This is to prevent it from unraveling and falling apart in the wind. If your bows don't have long enough twist-ties, Pipe cleaners are available upon request.

Please email Dorit Chapman at dorit.chapman@gmail.com with the quantity needed and to arrange pick-up.



2. **Prep the ribbon.**

(It is easier to have 2 people help with this part). Wrap the ribbon around the tree to figure out the correct length needed.

The ribbon should be long enough to wrap around the tree and tie a small, tight bow on the sidewalk side of the tree to secure it in place.

After you have figured out the right length, cut the ribbon, and put it around the tree with equal lengths of ribbon on either side.

Wrap the left end 2 times around the right side of the ribbon as in the picture, and pull tight; this will hold the ribbon in place securely to allow you to tie the bow.

Make sure that the ribbon is tight enough around the tree that it is secure and does not move.

Now, tie a bow on the sidewalk side of the tree.



3. **Tie the Bow on the sidewalk side of the tree.**



4. **Attaching the Red Bow to the street-side of the tree:** Extend the twist tie and push one end up the inside of the ribbon, pull up on the two ends of the twist tie to raise the bow and “scrunch” the ribbon together.

Twist the twist-tie 5-8 times to secure the Red Bow in place.

(This part is very important because the ribbon must be snug to withstand the winter winds)



5. **Make the bow look pretty** by puffing it up and straightening it out.

