



City of Vancouver • Approved Street Tree Selection List

Contact Urban Forestry for a site inspection before planting a street tree

Large Planting Strips (7.0 feet wide or greater / Curb-Tight Sidewalk frontages / Curb-Only-No-Sidewalk frontages)

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No High Voltage Utility Overhead (See HV List for trees to plant under wires)

Common Name	Common Name Variety	Scientific Name	Height (Feet)	Width (Feet)	Form	Features and Considerations	Drought Tolerant	OK under HV Wires?	Soil Type
Bald Cypress	Bald Cypress	<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	55	30	pyramidal/oval	Deciduous conifer; wet/dry sites	✓	⊘	all
Beech	European Beech	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	50	35	slightly rounded	Stately; striking bark; leaves persist through winter		⊘	drained
	Fernleaf Beech	<i>Fagus sylvatica 'Asplenifolia'</i>	50	40	Broadly oval	Dark green cutleaf foliage; Bronze fall color		⊘	drained
	Rivers Purple Beech	<i>Fagus sylvatica 'Riversii'</i>	50	40	broadly oval	Purple summer foliage; striking grey bark		⊘	drained
Birch	Dura-Heat River Birch	<i>Betula nigra 'BNMTF'</i>	40	30	broad pyramidal	Heat resistant; exfoliating bark		⊘	all
	Heritage River Birch	<i>Betula nigra 'Cully'</i>	40	30	broad pyramidal	Exfoliating bark; yellow fall color		⊘	all
Catalpa	Northern Catalpa	<i>Catalpa speciosa</i>	60	40	pyramidal	Large leaves; larger white flower clusters		⊘	all
Cedar	Blue Atlas Cedar	<i>Cedrus atlantica 'Glauca'</i>	60	40	broad pyramidal	Evergreen; bluish-green needles		⊘	drained
	Deodar Cedar	<i>Cedrus deodora</i>	55	30	broad pyramidal	Evergreen; majestic form	✓	⊘	drained
Coffeetree	Espresso Kentucky Coffeetree	<i>Gymnocladus dioicus 'Espresso'</i>	50	35	oval/vase	Arching branches; drought tolerant; seedless	✓	⊘	all
	Kentucky Coffeetree	<i>Gymnocladus dioicus</i>	65	50	ovate	Bluish green fanning leaflets; yellow fall color	✓	⊘	all
Douglas-fir	Douglas-fir	<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	100	30	pyramidal	Long-lived; native evergreen	✓	⊘	all
Elm	Accolade Elm	<i>Ulmus 'Morton'</i>	70	60	arching vase	Disease resistant; fast grower; graceful habit	✓	⊘	all
	Homestead Elm	<i>Ulmus 'Homestead'</i>	50	35	arching vase	Urban tolerant; fast grower; yellow fall color		⊘	all
	Pioneer Elm	<i>Ulmus 'Pioneer'</i>	50	50	rounded	Disease resistant; vigorous grower	✓	⊘	all
	Triumph Elm	<i>Ulmus 'Morton Glossy'</i>	55	45	oval/vase	Disease resistant; glossy green foliage	✓	⊘	all
	Valley Forge Elm	<i>Ulmus americana 'Valley Forge'</i>	70	70	broad vase	Disease resistant; classic American Elm form	✓	⊘	all
Ginkgo	Magyar Ginkgo	<i>Ginkgo biloba 'Magyar'</i>	50	30	pyramidal	Seedless; upright; dominant central leader	✓	⊘	all
	Presidential Gold Ginkgo	<i>Ginkgo biloba 'Presidential Gold'</i>	50	40	broad	Seedless; slow growing; strong central leader	✓	⊘	all

Hackberry	Magnifica Hackberry	<i>Celtis 'Magnifica'</i>	50	40	broad oval/vase	Faster growing; pest resistant; yellow fall color	✓	⊗	all
	American Hackberry	<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	50	40	broad oval/vase	Drought resistant; yellow fall color	✓	⊗	all
Incense-cedar	Incense-cedar	<i>Calocedrus decurrens</i>	60	15	pyramidal	Aromatic foliage; evergreen; drought tolerant		⊗	drained
Linden	Sterling Silver Linden	<i>Tilia tomentosa 'Sterling'</i>	45	35	pyramidal	Dark green/silver underside; fewer aphids	✓	⊗	all
Oak	Blue Oak	<i>Quercus douglasii</i>	65	40	upright/oval	Evergreen	✓	⊗	all
	Canyon Live Oak	<i>Quercus chrysolepis</i>	55	30	upright oval	Evergreen; faster growing, drought resistant	✓	⊗	drained
	Coast Live Oak	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	45	45	rounded	Evergreen	✓	⊗	drained
	Cork Oak	<i>Quercus suber</i>	60	60	oval	Evergreen; thick, corky bark	✓	⊗	drained
	Holly Oak	<i>Quercus ilex</i>	60	50	broadly oval	Evergreen; faster growing; holly like leaves	✓	⊗	drained
	Oregon White Oak	<i>Quercus garryana</i>	65	50	oval	Native; slow grower; yellow fall color	✓	⊗	all
	Red Oak	<i>Quercus rubra</i>	50	45	rounded	Fast grower; red fall color; urban tolerant	✓	⊗	drained
	Scarlet Oak	<i>Quercus coccinea</i>	50	40	upright/oval	Red fall color; long-lived	✓	⊗	all
	Shingle Oak	<i>Quercus imbricaria</i>	50	40	broadly oval	Transplants readily; beautiful summer foliage		⊗	drained
	Shumard Oak / Texas Red Oak	<i>Quercus shumardii</i>	50	40	upright/oval	Red fall color; slow growing; long-lived	✓	⊗	drained
Willow Oak	<i>Quercus phellos</i>	50	35	rounded/oval	Transplants easily; long-lived	✓	⊗	all	
Pine	Willamette Valley Ponderosa Pin	<i>Pinus ponderosa var. benthamania</i>	70	30	pyramidal	Native, interesting bark; variety adapted to wet soil	✓	⊗	all
Planetree	Bloodgood London Planetree	<i>Platanus x acerifolia 'Bloodgood'</i>	50	40	pyramidal	Exfoliating bark; somewhat disease resistant	✓	⊗	all
Redwood	Dawn Redwood	<i>Metasequoia glyptostoboides</i>	60	25	conical	Fast growth; deciduous conifer; urban tolerant	✓	⊗	all
Rubber Tree	Hardy Rubber Tree	<i>Eucommia ulmoides</i>	45	45	rounded	Yellow fall color; drought and disease resistant	✓	⊗	all
Tuliptree	Tulip Tree	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	60	30	oval	Yellow tulip-like flowers; yellow fall color		⊗	all
	Emerald City Tulip Tree	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera 'JFS-Oz'</i>	55	25	oval/upright	Yellow tulip-like flowers; yellow fall color; improved form		⊗	all
Zelkova	Green Vase Zelkova	<i>Zelkova serrata 'Green Vase'</i>	50	40	vase shaped	Graceful habit; red fall color	✓	⊗	all

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Medium Planting Strips (5.0 feet to 6.9 feet wide / Curb-tight sidewalks / Curb-no-sidewalk frontages) **360-487-8332 • urbanforestry@cityofvancouver.us**
No Overhead High Voltage Utility (See HV List for trees to plant under wires)

Common Name	Common Name Variety	ScientificName	Height (Feet)	Width (Feet)	Form	Features and Considerations	Drought Tolerant	OK under HV Wires?	Soil Type
Bald Cypress	Shawnee Brave Bald Cypress	<i>Taxodium distichum 'Mickelson'</i>	50	20	broadly pyramidal	Deciduous conifer; wet/dry sites; feathery foliage	✓	⊘	all
Birch	Dura-Heat River Birch	<i>Betula nigra 'BNMTF'</i>	40	30	broadly pyramidal	Heat resistant; exfoliating bark		⊘	all
	Heritage River Birch	<i>Betula nigra 'Cully'</i>	40	30	broadly pyramidal	Pinkish-tan exfoliating bark; yellow fall color		⊘	all
Catalpa	Purple Catalpa	<i>Catalpa x erubescens 'Purpurea'</i>	45	40	rounded	Large deep purple leaves; showy white flowers	✓	⊘	all
Chitalpa	Pink Dawn Chitalpa	<i>xChitalpa tashkentensis 'Pink Dawn'</i>	35	25	rounded	Drought tolerant; trumpet-shaped pink flowers	✓	⊘	all
Coffeetree	Espresso Kentucky Coffeetree	<i>Gymnocladus dioica 'Espresso'</i>	50	35	oval/vase	Arching branches; seedless; drought tolerant	✓	⊘	all
Cork Tree	His Majesty Cork Tree	<i>Phellodendron amurense 'His Majesty'</i>	40	35	broad vase	Fast growing; seedless; yellow fall color	✓	⊘	all
	Eyestopper Cork Tree	<i>Phellodendron amurense 'Longenecker'</i>	40	35	upright	Generally seedless; bright yellow fall color		⊘	all
Cypress	Arizona Cypress	<i>Hesperocyparis arizonica</i>	50	25	pyramidal	Gray-blue needles; Drought/heat tolerant; Native to SW	✓	⊘	drained
Dove Tree	Dove Tree	<i>Davidia involucreata</i>	40	30	broadly pyramidal	Dove-shaped white flowers		⊘	drained
Elm	Frontier Elm	<i>Ulmus 'Frontier'</i>	40	30	arching vase	Disease resistant; fast grower; reddish-purple fall color	✓	⊘	all
	Prospector Elm	<i>Ulmus wilsoniana 'Prospector'</i>	40	30	vase shaped	Disease resistant; urban tolerant; yellow fall color	✓	⊘	all
Filbert	Turkish Filbert	<i>Corylus colurna</i>	45	30	pyramidal	Urban/drought tolerant	✓	⊘	drained
Ginkgo	Golden Colonade Ginkgo	<i>Ginkgo biloba 'JFS-UGA2'</i>	45	25	upright/oval	Seedless; slow growth; strong leader; gold fall color	✓	⊘	all
	Halka Ginkgo	<i>Ginkgo biloba 'Halka'</i>	45	40	pyramidal	Seedless; slow growth; strong leader; gold fall color	✓	⊘	all
	Presidential Gold Ginkgo	<i>Ginkgo biloba 'Presidential Gold'</i>	50	40	pyramidal	Seedless; slow growth; strong leader; gold fall color	✓	⊘	all
	Princeton Sentry Ginkgo	<i>Ginkgo biloba 'PNI 2720'</i>	40	15	columnar	Seedless; slow growth; strong leader; gold fall color	✓	⊘	all
Hackberry	Hackberry	<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	45	35	broadly arching	Very urban tolerant; drought resistant; yellow fall color	✓	⊘	all
	Imperial Honeylocust	<i>Gleditsia triacanthos 'Imperial'</i>	35	35	rounded	Thornless; compact; fern-like foliage; gold fall color	✓	⊘	all

Honeylocust	Street Keeper Honeylocust	<i>Gleditsia triacanthos 'Draves'</i>	45	20	upright/narrow	Thornless; narrow; deeper-green foliage; gold fall color	✓	⊗	all
	Skyline Honeylocust	<i>Gleditsia triacanthos 'Skycole'</i>	45	35	broadly pyramidal	Thornless; fern-like foliage; gold fall color	✓	⊗	all
Horse Chestnut	Red Horse Chestnut	<i>Aesculus x carnea 'Fort McNair'</i>	35	35	rounded	Long rosy flower clusters; small variety; spiky nuts	✓	⊗	all
Hophornbeam	Hophornbeam	<i>Ostrya carpinifolia</i>	35	25	rounded	Nutlets in hop-like bunches	✓	⊗	all
Hornbeam	Pyramidal European Hornbeam	<i>Carpinus betulus 'Fastigiata'</i>	35	25	upright/oval	Low maintenance; yellow fall color	✓	⊗	all
	Emerald Avenue Hornbeam	<i>Carpinus betulus 'JFS-KW1CB'</i>	40	28	broadly pyramidal	Heat tolerant, low maintenance, yellow fall color	✓	⊗	all
Linden	Sterling Silver Linden	<i>Tilia tomentosa 'Sterling'</i>	45	35	pyramidal	Dark green/silver underside; fewer aphids	✓	⊗	all
	Redmond Linden	<i>Tilia americana x euchlora 'Redmond'</i>	35	25	densely pyramidal	Rapid grower; develops caliper at a young age		⊗	all
Magnolia	Yulan Magnolia	<i>Magnolia denudata</i>	35	30	pyramidal	Creamy flowers; use on non-windy site		⊗	all
	Cucumber Magnolia	<i>Magnolia acuminata</i>	45	35	broadly pyramidal	Fast growing; yellow, creamy flowers		⊗	all
Maple	Redpointe Maple	<i>Acer rubrum 'Frank Jr'</i>	45	30	broadly pyramidal	Strong leader; urban tolerant; red fall color	✓	⊗	all
	Green Mountain Maple	<i>Acer saccharum 'Green Mountain'</i>	45	35	broadly oval	Heat tolerant; reddish-orange fall color	✓	⊗	all
Oak	Sawtooth Oak	<i>Quercus acutissima</i>	40	40	rounded	Clean foliage; yellow/brown fall color	✓	⊗	drained
	Forest Green Oak	<i>Quercus frainetto 'Schmidt'</i>	50	30	oval	Strong central leader	✓	⊗	all
	Bambooleaf Oak	<i>Quercus myrsinifolia</i>	40	35	broadly pyramidal	Evergreen; fast growing; silvery undersides of leaves	✓	⊗	all
	Silverleaf Oak	<i>Quercus hypoleucoides</i>	35	25	broadly oval	Evergreen; cold hardy; low maintenance	✓	⊗	all
Osage Orange	White Shield Osage-orange	<i>Maclura pomifera 'White Shield'</i>	35	35	rounded/vase	Fruitless; yellow fall color		⊗	all
Pagodatree	Millstone Japanese Pagodatree	<i>Sophora japonica 'Halka'</i>	45	35	broadly oval	Upsweeping branches; uniform habit		⊗	drained
Pine	Vanderwolf's Limber Pine	<i>Pinus flexil' 'Vanderwolfs Pyramid'</i>	35	15	pyramidal	Evergreen; smaller form; slow growing	✓	⊗	all
Rubber Tree	Hardy Rubber Tree	<i>Eucommia ulmoides</i>	45	45	rounded	Yellowish fall color; drought and disease resistant	✓	⊗	all
Tupelo	Red Rage Tupelo	<i>Nyssa sylvatica "Haymanred"</i>	35	20	broadly pyramidal	Glossy foliage resistant to leaf spot; bright red in fall	✓	⊗	all
	Afterburner Tupelo	<i>Nyssa sylvatica 'David Odom'</i>	35	20	broadly pyramidal	Wet/Dry sites; fantastic red fall color	✓	⊗	all
	Wildfire Tupelo	<i>Nyssa sylvatica 'Wildfire'</i>	40	25	broadly pyramidal	Wet/Dry sites; urban/drought tolerant, fall color	✓	⊗	all
Yellowwood	Yellowwood	<i>Cladrastis kentukea</i>	30	40	round	Fragrant white pea-shaped flowers; yellow fall color	✓	⊗	all
Zelkova	Musashino Zelkova	<i>Zelkova serrata 'Musashino'</i>	45	15	columnar	Clean appearance; narrow form	✓	⊗	all

	Green Vase Zelkova	<i>Zelkova serrata 'Green Vase'</i>	40	30	vase shaped	Clean appearance; red fall color		⊘	all
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Small Planter Strips (3.0 feet to 4.9 feet wide)

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Common Name	Common Name Variety	Scientific Name	Height (Feet)	Width (Feet)	Form	Features and Considerations	Drought Tolerant	OK under HV Wires?	Soil Type
Cascara	Cascara	<i>Rhamnus purshiana</i>	25	28	oval	Native; shade tolerant; yellow fall color		✓	all
Crape Myrtle	Natchez Crape Myrtle	<i>Lagerstroemia indica x fauriei 'Natchez'</i>	25	20	rounded	White floral clusters; exfoliating bark	✓	✓	all
Dogwood	Starlight Dogwood	<i>Cornus kousa x nutalli 'KN4-43'</i>	30	20	upright oval	Very large white flowers; disease resistant		✓	drained
Elm	Emerald Sunshine Elm	<i>Ulmus propinqua 'JFS-Bieberich'</i>	35	25	vase	Fast growing; yellow fall color	✓	⊘	all
Ginkgo	Saratoga Ginkgo	<i>Gingko biloba 'Saratoga'</i>	35	25	upright/pyramidal	Fruitless; smaller variety; yellow fall color	✓	⊘	all
Goldenrain	Goldenrain Tree	<i>Koelreuteria paniculata</i>	25	25	rounded	Yellow floral clusters; summer flowering	✓	✓	all
Hawthorn	Lavalle Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus x lavalleyi</i>	28	20	irregular/vase	White flowers; orange fruit; bronze fall color	✓	✓	all
Hornbeam	Frans Fontaine Hornbeam	<i>Carpinus betulus 'Frans Fontaine'</i>	35	15	upright/columnar	Heat tolerant; low maintenance	✓	⊘	all
	Rising Fire American Hornbeam	<i>Carpinus caroliniana 'Uxbridge'</i>	30	15	upright/columnar	Smooth gray trunk; yellow/orange fall color		✓	all
	Palisade American Hornbeam	<i>Carpinus caroliniana 'CCSQU'</i>	30	15	upright/columnar	Uniform habit		✓	drained
	Native Flame American Hornbeam	<i>Carpinus caroliniana 'JFS-KW6'</i>	30	20	upright oval	Bright red fall color		✓	moist
Hophornbeam	American Hophornbeam	<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	40	25	upright oval	Hop-like fruit; yellow fall color	✓	⊘	all
Ironwood	Ruby Vase Parrotia	<i>Parrotia persica 'Inge's Ruby Vase'</i>	25	16	upright/vase	Red winter flowers, orange fall color	✓	✓	drained
	Vanessa Persian Ironwood	<i>Parrotia persica 'Vanessa'</i>	25	14	upright/columnar	Red winter flowers, orange fall color	✓	✓	drained
Maackia	Amur Maackia	<i>Maackia amurensis</i>	25	20	vase	White floral clusters	✓	✓	all
	MaccNificent Amur Maackia	<i>Maackia amurensis 'JFS-Schichtel 1'</i>	25	20	upright vase	Spike-like white flower racemes		✓	all
Magnolia	Edith Bogue Magnolia	<i>Magnolia grandiflora 'Edith Bogue'</i>	35	15	tightly pyramidal	Glossy evergreen leaves; white flowers	✓	⊘	drained
	Victoria Magnolia	<i>Magnolia grandiflora 'Victoria'</i>	35	25	upright oval	Glossy evergreen leaves; white flowers	✓	⊘	drained
	Galaxy Magnolia	<i>Magnolia liliflora x sprengeri 'galaxy'</i>	30	20	upright oval	Deciduous; strong central leader; pink flowers		⊘	drained

	Moonglow Magnolia	<i>Magnolia virginiana 'Jim Wilson'</i>	35	18	upright oval	Broadleaf evergreen; large white flowers		⊘	drained
Pistache	Chinese Pistache	<i>Pistacia chinensis</i>	30	30	rounded	Urban tolerant; orange/red fall color		⊘	all
Serviceberry	Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier × grandiflora 'Autumn Brilliance'</i>	25	25	upright oval	White flowers; berries; orange-red fall color	✓	✓	all
	Spring Flurry Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier laevis 'JFS-Arb'</i>	35	20	upright oval	White flowers; berries; strong central leader	✓	✓	all
Tupelo	Gum Drop Tupelo	<i>Nyssa Sylvatica 'JFS-PN Legacy1'</i>	25	20	upright oval	Glossy green foliage; red fall color; fruitless		✓	all
Zelkova	City Sprite Zelkova	<i>Zelkova serrata 'City Sprite'</i>	25	18	upright	Compact, dense, low maintenance		✓	all

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 ✎ **High Voltage Overhead.** Suitable for planting sites 3.0 feet or wider. **360-487-8332 • urbanforestry@cityofvancouver.us**
 ✎ **Only for planting beneath high voltage lines.** Select from alternate list if no HV wires are present.

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Cascara	Cascara	<i>Rhamnus purshiana</i>	25	28	oval	Native; Prefers some shade; yellow fall color		✓	all
Crabapple	Golden Raindrops Crabapple	<i>Malus spp. 'Golden Raindrops'</i>	20	15	vase	Deep cut leaves; golden fruit; white flowers	✓	✓	all
	Purple Prince Crabapple	<i>Malus spp. 'Purple Prince'</i>	20	15	upright spreading	Disease resistant; pink flowers	✓	✓	all
Crape Myrtle	Natchez Crape Myrtle	<i>Lagerstroemia indica x fauriei 'Natchez'</i>	25	20	rounded	White flowers clusters; exfoliating bark	✓	✓	all
	Tuscarora Crape Myrtle	<i>Lagerstroemia indica x fauriei 'Tuscarora'</i>	20	20	vase	Pink flowers; exfoliating bark; may sucker at base	✓	✓	all
Dogwood	Eddie's White Wonder Dogwood	<i>Cornus 'Eddies White Wonder'</i>	25	20	upright/pyramidal	White flowers; red in fall; transplants readily		✓	all
	Venus Dogwood	<i>Cornus kousa x nutalli 'KN 30-8'</i>	25	20	upright oval	Very large white flowers; vigorous growth		✓	drained
Fringetree	Chinese Fringetree	<i>Chionanthus retusus</i>	20	20	Broadly oval	White flower clusters; yellow fall color		✓	drained
Goldenrain	Goldenrain Tree	<i>Koelreuteria paniculata</i>	25	25	rounded	Yellow summer flowers	✓	✓	all
Hawthorn	Lavalle Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus x lavallei</i>	25	20	irregular/vase	White flowers; orange fruit; bronze fall color	✓	✓	all
Ironwood	Ruby Vase Parrotia	<i>Parrotia persica 'Inge's Ruby Vase'</i>	25	16	upright/vase	Red winter flowers; Orange fall color	✓	✓	drained
	Vanessa Persian Ironwood	<i>Parrotia persica 'Vanessa'</i>	25	14	upright/columnar	Red winter flowers; Orange fall color	✓	✓	drained
Lilac	Ivory Silk Japanese Tree Lilac	<i>Syringa reticulata 'Ivory Silk'</i>	20	15	upright/rounded	White flowers; yellow fall color		✓	all
Maackia	Amur Maackia	<i>Maackia amurensis</i>	25	20	vase	White flowers	✓	✓	all
Magnolia	Butterflies Magnolia	<i>Magnolia acuminata x denudata 'Butterflies'</i>	20	20	upright/pyramidal	Yellow flowers		✓	drained
Maple	Rocky Mountain Glow Maple	<i>Acer grandidentatum 'Schmidt'</i>	25	15	oval	Orange/red fall color	✓	✓	drained
	Paperbark Maple	<i>Acer griseum</i>	25	20	upright/round	Peeling cinnamon-colored bark; red fall color	✓	✓	all
Smoketree	American Smoketree	<i>Cotinus obovatus</i>	20	20	Rounded	Orange fall color; flowering; drought tolerant	✓	✓	all

Snowbell	Japanese Snowbell	<i>Styrax japonicus</i>	25	25	rounded	Bell shaped flowers; yellow fall color	✓	✓	drained
	Fragrant Snowbell	<i>Styrax obassia</i>	25	20	oval	Chains of fragrant white flowers		✓	drained
Zelkova	City Sprite Zelkova	<i>Zelkova serrata 'JFS-KW1'</i>	25	18	upright	Compact, dense, low maintenance		✓	all
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City of Vancouver • Approved Street Tree and Parking Lot Tree Selection List for Stormwater Bioretention Facilities

This list is only intended for planting within stormwater bioretention facilities. Select from alternate list if no facility present.

Common Name	Common Name Variety	Scientific Name	Height (Feet)	Width (Feet)	Form	Features and Considerations	OK under HV Wires?
Small Stormwater Bioretention Facilities (3.0 feet to 5.9 feet wide)							
Ginkgo	Saratoga Ginkgo	<i>Ginkgo biloba 'Saratoga'</i>	35	25	upright/pyramidal	Fruitless; smaller than most cultivars; yellow fall color	⊘
Goldenrain	Goldenrain Tree	<i>Koelreuteria paniculata</i>	30	30	rounded	Yellow floral clusters; summer flowering	✓
Hornbeams	Native Flame Am. Hornbeam	<i>Carpinus caroliniana 'JFS-KW6'</i>	30	20	upright oval	Bright red fall color	✓
	Palisade American Hornbeam	<i>Carpinus caroliniana 'CCSQU'</i>	30	15	upright narrow oval	Uniform habit	✓
	Rising Fire Am. Hornbeam	<i>Carpinus caroliniana 'Uxbridge'</i>	30	15	upright	Smooth gray trunk; yellow/orange fall color	✓
Pistache	Chinese Pistache	<i>Pistacia chinensis</i>	30	30	rounded	Urban tolerant; orange/red fall color	⊘
Tupelo	Gum Drop Tupelo	<i>Nyssa Sylvatica 'JFS-PN Legacy1'</i>	30	20	upright oval	Glossy dark green foliage; red fall color; fruitless	✓
Zelkova	City Sprite Zelkova	<i>Zelkova serrata 'City Sprite'</i>	24	18	upright	Compact, dense, low maintenance	✓
Large Stormwater Bioretention Facilities (6.0 feet or wider)							
Bald Cypress	Bald Cypress	<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	55	30	pyramidal/oval	Deciduous conifer; wet/dry sites; urban tolerant	⊘
Birch	Dura-Heat River Birch	<i>Betula nigra 'BNMTF'</i>	40	30	broadly pyramidal	Heat resistant; exfoliating bark	⊘
	Heritage River Birch	<i>Betula nigra 'Cully'</i>	40	30	broadly pyramidal	Pinkish-tan exfoliating bark; yellow fall color	⊘
Hackberry	American Hackberry	<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	50	40	broadly oval/vase	Drought resistant; yellow fall color	⊘
	Magnifica Hackberry	<i>Celtis 'Magnifica'</i>	50	40	broadly oval/vase	Fast growing cultivar; insect resistance; yellow fall color	⊘
Honeylocust	Skyline Honeylocust	<i>Gleditsia triacanthos 'Skycole'</i>	45	35	broadly pyramidal	Tolerant of pollution; golden fall color	⊘
	Shingle Oak	<i>Quercus imbricaria</i>	50	40	broadly oval	Transplants readily; beautiful summer foliage	⊘

Oak	Shumard Oak	<i>Quercus shumardii</i>	50	40	upright/oval	Red fall color; slow growing; long-lived	⊘
	Willow Oak	<i>Quercus phellos</i>	50	35	rounded/oval	Very urban tolerant; transplants easily; long-lived	⊘
Tupelo	Afterburner Tupelo	<i>Nyssa sylvatica 'David Odom'</i>	35	20	broadly pyramidal	Wet/Dry sites; fantastic red fall color	⊘
	Red Rage Tupelo	<i>Nyssa sylvatica "Haymanred"</i>	35	20	broadly pyramidal	Glossy foliage resistant to leaf spot; bright red in fall	⊘
	Wildfire Tupelo	<i>Nyssa sylvatica 'Wildfire'</i>	40	25	broadly pyramidal	Wet/Dry sites; urban/drought tolerant, fall color	⊘

Updated 2025. These trees have been selected to tolerate the unique conditions of bioretention facilities. Trees capture and hold rainfall in leaves and branches, slowing runoff flow and decreasing stormwater volume by up to 35 percent or more for a small storm. A single mature tree with a 30-foot crown can intercept more than 600 gallons of rainfall annually. Street trees and parking lot trees are required and the preferred location is adjacent to the facility; however trees may be located within the facility.

Key	Planting List	Planting Strip Type(s)	Overhead utilities
■ ■ ■	Large Planting Strips	Planting Strips: 7.0 feet or wider; Curb-tight sidewalks; Curb-no-sidewalk frontages	No High Voltage Utility Overhead
■ ■	Medium Planting Strips	Planting Strips: 5.0 feet to 6.9 feet wide; Curb-tight sidewalks; Curb-no-sidewalk frontages	No High Voltage Utility Overhead
■	Small Planter Strips	Planting strips: 3.0 feet to 4.9 feet wide	No High Voltage Utility Overhead
⚡	High Voltage Overhead	For planting sites 3.0 feet or wider w/ overhead HV wires.	High Voltage Utilities Present Overhead
💧	Stormwater Bioretention Facilities	For planting within stormwater bioretention facilities.	See list

Planting Strip: Space in the right-of-way between the sidewalk and the curb.

Curb-tight sidewalk: Curb and sidewalk are connected. Tree is planted 2-4 feet behind the sidewalk, in the right-of-way.

Curb-no-sidewalk: Curb is present. No sidewalk. Tree is planted 2-3 feet behind the curb, in the right-of-way.