

**CITY OF ASHLAND APPROVED TREE SPECIES LIST**

**NOTE:** Other tree species not shown on this list may be approved at the discretion of the City Public Works Department. Contact the City Public Works Department before planting in City right of way or on City property. (715) 682-7061

H=HIGH  
M=MEDIUM  
L=LOW  
Y=YES  
N=NO

**TALL TREES**

TREE SPECIES	COMMENTS	RECOMMENDED PLANTING SITE	SALT TOLERANCE		DROUGHT TOLERANCE	SURFACE ROOT
			SPRAY	SOIL		
Hybrid Elms (Regal, Triumph, Homestead, Accolade, & New Horizon, Cathedral, Triumph)	Drought tolerant; resistant to Dutch Elm Disease; medium to fast growth	boulevards >6' and open spaces	H	M	H	Y
Elm, American (New harmony, Valley Forge, Independence, Princeton)	May be more susceptible to Dutch Elm disease	boulevards >6' and open spaces	M	M	H	N
American Linden, Basswood (Boulevard, Bailyard, Sentry, Redmond)	Native to Wisconsin, large tree, 60'-100'; fragrant flowers; yellow fall color; sensitive to road salt)	boulevards >8', open spaces	L	L	M	N
Ginkgo (Autumn Gold, lakeview, Halka, Saratoga, and others)	Grows best in full sun to partial shade; moderate to slow growth rate; does well in a variety of soil conditions also tolerates drought. Hard to find	boulevards >6', open spaces	M	L	H	N
Little Leaf Linden (Chancellor, Norbert, Ronald 'Norlin', Rancho)	Grows in sun or partial shade; produces bright yellow flowers in spring; somewhat tolerant of drought but sensitive to road salt.	boulevards >6', open spaces	L	L	M	N
Northern Red Oak (Quercus rubra)	Durable tree tolerant of pollution and compacted soils; leaves turn red in the fall; acorn a favorite of many wildlife species.	boulevards >8', open spaces	H	M	H	Y
Northern Pin Oak (Majestic Skies)	Native to Wisconsin; susceptible to oak wilt; nice fall color	boulevards >8', open spaces	P	P	M	N
English Oak & Hybrids (Heritage, Crimson Spire, Regal Prince)	White x English; moderate growth rate; adapts well to various soils; yellow fall color	boulevards >8', open spaces	H	M	H	N
Swamp White Oak (Quercus bicolor)	Native; Fast growing oak with flaky gray-brown bark; will tolerate drought and heavy clay soils; resistant to oak wilt.	boulevards >8', open spaces	M	P	M	N
White Oak	Native; Slow growing; Prefers full sun; Matures to 50'+	boulevards >8', open spaces	H	M	H	N
Freeman Maple ('Armstrong', 'Jeffersred', Firefall, Sienna Glen, Marmo Maple, 'Autumn Blaze')	Maple hybrids crossed from red and silver maples; relatively fast growth rate; stronger branching than silver maple	boulevards >6', open spaces	P	P	M	Y
Red Maple ('Armstrong', 'Autumn Flame', 'Brandywine', 'Northwood', and others)	Relatively fast growing and tolerant of many soil conditions; does well in sun to partial shade; moderately tolerant of drought.	boulevards >8', open spaces	L	L	M	Y
Norway Maple ('Deborah', emerald Queen', 'Summer Shade', and others)	Invasive traits; Do not plant in natural areas; fast growth;	boulevards >6', open spaces	M	H	M	Y
Thornless Honeylocust ('Shademaster', 'Imperial', 'Skyline', Moraine, Northern Acclaim)	Native to Wisconsin; fast growing tree with fragrant spring flowers; tolerant of urban conditions; prefers full sun to partial shade.	boulevards >6', open spaces	H	M	H	Y
Turkish Filbert	Sensitive to road salt; tolerant of extreme conditions; prefers full sun; may be hard to find	boulevards >6', open spaces	L	L	H	N
Kentucky Coffeetree (Stately Manor, Espresso, Prairie Titan)	Native to Wisconsin; Tolerates most conditions including drought and pollution, requires full sun, leaves out later than most other trees	open spaces	M	L	H	N
Common Hackberry (Chicagoland, , Windy City, Prairie Pride)	One tough tree tolerant of a wide range of conditions; moderate growth rate; does best in full sun; nice shade tree.	boulevards >8', open spaces	M	M	H	Y
European Hornbeam (Asplenifolia, Brownstone, Emerald Avenue, and others)	Non-native; prefers full sun; matures to 40'+; slow growth rate; may be difficult to find	boulevards >6', open spaces	L	M	M	Y
Horse chestnut, Common	Non-native; prefers full sun; matures to 35'+; showy flowers in spring; nuts attract squirrels and deer	open spaces	M	M	M	N

Birch ('Renaissance reflection', 'Whitespire', 'Dakota pinnacle')	Nice specimen trees; cultivars listed have shown resistance to bronze birch borer; do best in partially shaded locations with somewhat moist soils.	boulevards >6', open spaces	L	M	P	N
<b>SMALL TO MEDIUM TREES</b>						
Japanese Tree Lilac (Ivory Silk, Summer Snow, 'Elliot')	Excellent tree for under utility lines, produces clusters of creamy white flowers in late spring, showy ornamental tree	boulevards >6', open spaces	H	M	M	N
Pekin Lilac ('China Snow', Summer Charm, Copper Curls, Beijing Gold)	Moderate growth rate; fragrant flowers; cinnamon colored bark provides winter interest; prefers full sun	boulevards >8', open spaces	H	M	Y	N
Crabapple (See link to top performers at bottom of page)	Beautiful flowering trees; excellent for under utility lines, choose cultivars resistant to apple scab and fire blight; low branching habit may interfere with parking areas.	boulevards >8', open spaces	L	M	M	N
Amur Maackia ( 'Maackian' 'Starburst', 'Summertime')	Small tree (20'-30') that is very cold hardy; produces creamy white flowers in mid-July; requires full sun; not common in nurseries.	boulevards >6', open spaces		H	H	N
Serviceberry (Autumn Brilliance, Princess Diana, Ballerina, and others)	Small ornamental tree (20'-25'). White flowers appear in early spring prior to leaf out. Edible fruit ripens in mid-summer and attracts birds.	boulevards >6', open spaces	M	M	M	N
American Hornbeam, Ironwood (Caprinus caroliniana)	Will tolerate full sun to shade; slow grower; has a unique gray muscled bark; may require pruning to develop a tree form	boulevards >6', open spaces	P	P	M	N
Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn (Crataegus crus-galli var. inermis)	Small thornless tree; wide spread makes this tree more suitable for open spaces; spring white flowers and fall red berry provide nice accent	open spaces	H	M	P	P
Amur Corktree (Macho)	Full sun; moist, well drained soils, but tolerates dryness; tolerant of alkaline sites; broad root system may conflict with sidewalks; 25'-40' high	boulevards >8', open spaces	M	P	H	Y
Amur Chokecherry	Fast growing ornamental tree; white spring flowers & copper colored bark; small fruit favored by birds; relatively short lived, 20-40 years; prefers well drained soils and full sun; 20'-30' high	boulevards >8', open spaces	M		H	N
Mountain Frost Pear (Pyrus ussuriensis)	A mid-sized tree, 25'-35' high with excellent flower display in early spring; tolerant of a wide range of soil conditions; fruit can be messy on ground; prefers full sun	open spaces	M	M	H	N