



Village of Westmont

Approved Parkway Tree Species List & Important Facts

The following document has been created to relay important facts about parkway tree planting in the Village of Westmont as well as provide the Village of Westmont approved parkway tree species list. Please read this document thoroughly as it is designed to help you avoid any violations of the Village's Tree and Landscape Ordinance and any complications resulting thereof. If you have any questions, please contact the Village Forester at jyeater@westmont.il.gov prior to planting.

- **VILLAGE APPROVAL REQUIRED:** All plantings or planting schemes must be approved by the Village Forester **prior** to planting.
- **USE LATIN NAMING IN REQUESTS:** When selecting or purchasing a tree, use the tree's Latin name. A tree may have several common names, but will only have one specific Latin name. Using the Latin name will help ensure that you are planting an approved tree species on the parkway.
- **TREE SIZE:** All trees shall be a minimum diameter at breast height (DBH) of 2 inches and a maximum DBH of 4 inches unless indicated otherwise for particular species on this list.
- **TREE LOCATION:** Open parkway plantings can **NOT** be planted under utility lines or anywhere that does not conform to the ultimate growth of the tree. Trees must be planted between 6-8 feet off of the curb line in parkway areas that currently contain no sidewalks.
- **TREE SPACING:** Assure proper spacing between particular species:
 - **Large** growing tree species must be planted **at least 40 feet apart**.
 - **Medium** growing trees species must be planted **at least 30 feet apart**.
 - **Small** growing tree species must be planted **at least 25 feet apart**.
- **PLANTINGS NEAR UTILITIES:** Assure proper clearance from all utilities:
 - **10'** - existing driveways, fire hydrants, vaults, water service lines, street signs, pedestrian lights and utility poles
 - **15'** - stop or yield signs
 - **20'** - street lights
 - **40'** - traffic lights
- Trees must be **single stemmed** and **branched at least 4 feet above ground level**.

- **TREE HEALTH:** Trees must be free of defects, decay, and bark/cambium problems.
- **No small growing species** may be planted in place of any **medium growing species**, or **medium** in place of a **large**, where there is **adequate space** to accommodate the larger growing species, unless authorized by the Village Forester.
- **On corner lots, no plantings**, except trees noted herein, **may exceed twenty four inches (24") at mature height** above the curb within the corner visibility triangle. The corner visibility triangle is determined by measuring fifty-five feet (55') along each of the streets from the point of tangency of the curbs. The two (2) points are connected by a diagonal line creating a triangle. The triangular space, or "Corner Visibility Triangle", must be kept free of obstructions so traffic visibility is not obscured.

When planting multiple trees along the parkway:

- **Always ensure maximum diversity of tree species and sub-species!**
- **Species diversity requirements:**
 - 2-3 trees to be planted- minimum 2 different tree species required
 - 4-7 trees to be planted- minimum 3 different tree species required
 - 8-10 trees to be planted- minimum 4 different tree species required
 - 11-14 trees to be planted- minimum 6 different tree species required
 - 15-20 trees to be planted- minimum 8 different tree species required
 - >20 trees to be planted- **No single species shall make up more than 10% of the total trees planted and no more than 5% of any particular variety of subspecies of said species shall be planted.**
- The same tree species can **NOT** be planted next to one another along any parkway.
- Individual species **shall not** be planted together in a **cluster**, rather, mixed in a planting scheme with the other required species.
 - For example, if required to plant nine trees and Accolade Elm (AE), Bald Cypress (BC), Burr Oak (BO) and Shagbark Hickory (SH) are selected as the four required species, individual species shall not be planted clustered together along the parkway- [BC, BC, AE, AE, AE, BO, BO, SH, SH], rather, they shall be planted in a mixed configuration- [BC, AE, BO, SH, AE, BO, SH, BC, AE].

SPECIES DIVERSITY NOTICE: *If you would like to plant something that is not on the approved list, please let us know. We are not trying to prohibit uniqueness. We will consider other options as long as they are in the best interest and safety of our residents and our urban forest.*

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Approved Parkway Tree Species List
Listed according to each species width at maturity
Latin Name (Common name)**

OPEN PARKWAY PLANTINGS

Large Trees (mature width greater than 40 feet):

1. Acer (Maple)
 - a. Acer freemanii 'Autumn Fantasy' (Autumn Fantasy Freeman Maple)
 - B. Acer freemanii 'Marmo' (Marmo Freeman Maple)
 - b. Acer miyabei (Miyabe Maple)
2. Aesculus (Buckeye/Horsechestnut)
 - a. Aesculus arnoldiana 'Autumn Splendor' (Autumn Splendor Horsechestnut)
 - b. Aesculus flava (Yellow Buckeye)
 - c. Aesculus glabra (Ohio Buckeye)
 - d. Aesculus hippocastanum (Horsechestnut)
3. Carya illinoensis (Pecan)
4. Catalpa (Catalpa)
 - a. Catalpa erubescens 'Purpurea' (Purple Catalpa)
 - b. Catalpa speciosa (Northern Catalpa)
5. Celtis occidentalis (Hackberry)
6. Cladrastis kentukea (American Yellowwood)
7. Fagus sylvatica (European Beech)
8. Gleditsia triacanthos var. inermis (Thornless Honeylocust)
9. Gymnocladus dioica (Kentucky Coffeetree)
10. Juglans (Walnut)
 - a. Juglans cinerea (Butternut)
 - b. Juglans nigra (Black Walnut)
11. Larix (larch)
 - a. Larix deciduas (Common Larch)
 - b. Larix kaempferi (Japanese Larch)
12. Liquidambar styraciflua (Sweetgum)
13. Liriodendron tulipifera (Tulip-poplar)
14. Maclura pomifera 'White Shield' (Osage Orange)- thornless/fruitless
15. Phellodendron amurense (Amur Corktree)
16. Picea abies (Norway Spruce)

17. Pinus (Pine)
 - a. Pinus ponderosa (Ponderosa Pine)
 - b. Pinus strobiformis (Southwestern White Pine)
 - c. Pinus strobus (White Pine)
18. Platanus (Sycamore/Plaintree)
 - a. Platanus acerifolia (London Planetree)
 - b. Platanus occidentalis (American Sycamore)
19. Quercus (Oak)
 - a. Quercus ellipsoidalis (Hills Oak)
 - b. Quercus imbricaria (Shingle Oak)
 - c. Quercus macrocarpa (Burr Oak)
 - d. Quercus muehlenbergii (Chinkapin Oak)
 - e. Quercus rubra (Northern Red Oak)
 - f. Quercus velutina (Black Oak)
20. Tilia (Linden)
 - a. Tilia americana (American Basswood)
 - b. Tilia heterophylla (White Basswood)
 - c. Tilia tomentosa (Silver Linden)
21. Ulmus (Elm)
 - a. Ulmus americana (American Elm) - [disease resistant varieties]
 - i. Ulmus americana 'Jefferson' (Jefferson American Elm)
 - ii. Ulmus americana 'New Harmony' (New Harmony American Elm)
 - iii. Ulmus americana 'Valley Forge' (Valley Forge American Elm)
 - b. Ulmus (Elm Hybrids)
 - i. Ulmus accolade 'Morton' (Accolade Elm)
 - ii. Ulmus 'Morton Stalwart' (Commendation Elm)
 - iii. Ulmus 'Morton Red Tip' (Danada Charm Elm)
22. Zelkova serrata (Zelkova)

Medium Trees (mature width between 25-35 feet):

1. *Carya* (Hickory)
 - a. *Carya cordiformis* (Bitternut Hickory)
 - b. *Carya glabra* (Pignut Hickory)
 - c. *Carya laciniosa* (Shellbark Hickory)
 - d. *Carya ovata* (Shagbark Hickory)
 - e. *Carya tomentosa* (Mockernut Hickory)
2. *Castanea* (Chestnut)
 - a. *Castanea dentata* (American Chestnut)
 - b. *Castanea mollissima* (Chinese Chestnut)
3. *Corylus colurna* (Turkish Filbert)
4. *Ginkgo biloba* (Ginkgo)
5. *Koelreuteria paniculata* (Goldenraintree)
6. *Metasequoia glyptostroboides* (Dawn Redwood)
7. *Nyssa sylvatica* (Black Tupelo)
8. *Ostrya virginiana* (Hophornbeam)
9. *Parrotia persica* (Persian Parrotia/Persian Ironwood)
10. *Pinus* (Pine)
 - a. *Pinus banksiana* (Jack Pine)
 - b. *Pinus flexilis* (Limber Pine)
11. *Robinia pseudoacacia* 'Chicago Blues' or 'Purple Robe' (Black Locust)
12. *Taxodium distichum* (Bald Cypress)
13. *Ulmus* (Elm Hybrids)
 - a. *Ulmus* 'Frontier' (Frontier Elm)
 - b. *Ulmus davidiana* var *japonica* 'Prospector' (Prospector Elm)

Small Trees (mature width less than 25 feet):

1. Acer (Maple)
 - a. Acer campestre (Hedge Maple)
 - b. Acer griseum (Paperbark Maple)
 - c. Acer triflorum (Three-flower Maple)
 - d. Acer truncatum (Purpleblow Maple)
2. Aesculus pavia (Red Buckeye)
3. Alnus rugosa (Speckled Alder)
4. Amelanchier arborea (Serviceberry)
5. Asimina triloba (PawPaw)
6. Cercis canadensis (Redbud)
7. Cornus (Dogwood)
 - a. Cornus macrophylla (Bigleaf Dogwood)
 - b. Cornus mas (Corneliancherry Dogwood)
8. Cotinus coggygria (Smoketree)
9. Crataegus (Hawthorn)
 - a. Crataegus coccinea (Scarlet Hawthorn)
 - b. Crataegus crus galli (Cockspur Hawthorn)
 - c. Crataegus mollis (Downy Hawthorn)
 - d. Crataegus phaenopyrum (Washington Hawthorn)
10. Diospyros virginiana (Persimmon)
11. Halesia carolina (Carolina Silverbell)
12. Juniperus virginiana (Eastern Redcedar)
13. Magnolia (Magnolia)
 - a. Magnolia soulangeana (Saucer Magnolia)
 - b. Magnolia stellata (Star Magnolia)
14. Malus (Crabapple)
 - a. Malus 'Adams' (Adams Crabapple)
 - b. Malus 'Donald Wyman' (Donald Wyman Crabapple)
 - c. Malus 'Prairiefire' (Prairiefire Crabapple)
 - d. Malus 'Purple Prince' (Purple Prince Crabapple)
 - e. Malus 'Royal Raindrops' (Royal Raindrops Crabapple)
 - f. Malus 'Sutyzam' (Sugar Tyme Crabapple)
15. Populus (Aspen)
 - a. Populus grandidentata (Bigtooth Aspen)
 - b. Populus tremuloides (Quaking Aspen)
16. Quercus prinoides (Dwarf Chinquapin Oak)
17. Sassafras albidum (Sassafras)

18. Syringa (Lilacs)
 - a. *Syringa pekinensis* (Pekin Lilac)
 - b. *Syringa reticulata* (Japanese Tree Lilac)
19. *Thuja occidentalis* (American White Cedar)

RESTRICTED SPACE PLANTINGS

(Trees for Under Utility Lines):

- 1) Acer (Maple)
 - a. Acer campestre (Hedge Maple)
 - b. Acer griseum (Paperbark Maple)
 - c. Acer tataricum (Tatarium Maple)
 - d. Acer triflorum (Three-flower Maple)
- 2) Amelanchier arborea (Serviceberry)
- 3) Cornus (Dogwood)
 - a. Cornus macrophylla (Bigleaf Dogwood)
 - b. Cornus mas (Corneliancherry Dogwood)
- 4) Crataegus (Hawthorn)
 - a. Crataegus coccinea (Scarlet Hawthorn)
 - b. Crataegus crus galli (Cockspur Hawthorn)
 - c. Crataegus mollis (Downy Hawthorn)
 - d. Crataegus phaenopyrum (Washington Hawthorn)
- 5) Heptacodium miconioides (Seven Son Flower)
- 6) Magnolia (Magnolia)
 - a. Magnolia soulangeana (Saucer Magnolia)
 - b. Magnolia stellata (Star Magnolia)
- 7) Malus (Crabapple)
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