



Pre-Approved Shade Tree List

LARGE TREES --- 45 feet and larger in height						
NAME	SPECIES	TYPE	WATER NEEDS	GROWTH RATE	SIZE	HEIGHTS
Red Maple	Acer rubrum	Deciduous	High	Mod/Fast	L	40-50
Columnar Red Maple	Acer rubrum x freemanii	Deciduous	High	Mod/Fast	L	40-50
Chinese Elm	Ulmus parvifolia	Deciduous	Low	Mod/Fast	L	40-60
Shumard Oak	Quercus shumardii	Deciduous	Low	Mod/Fast	L	40-60
Blue Oak	Qercus douglasii	Deciduous	Low	Slow	L	30-60
Willow Oak	Quercus phellos	Deciduous	Low	Mod/Fast	L	60-75
Valley Oak	Quercus lobata	Deciduous	Low	Mod/Fast	L	40-90
Sawleaf Zelkova	Zelkova serrata	Deciduous	Low	Mod/Fast	L	50-60
Village Green Zelkova	zelkova serrata	Deciduous	Low	Mod/Fast	L	45-50
Autumn Gold Gingko	Gingko biloba	Deciduous	Low	Slow	L	30-50
Deodar Cedar	Cedrus deodara	Evergreen	Moderate	Fast	L	50-80
Camphor	Cinnamomum camphora	Evergreen	Moderate	Moderate	L	50-75
Scarlet Oak	Quercus coccinea	Deciduous	Moderate	Moderate	L	60-75
MEDIUM TREES ---26 feet to 45 feet in height						
NAME	SPECIES	TYPE	WATER NEEDS	GROWTH RATE	SIZE	HEIGHTS
Trident Maple	Acer buergerianum	Deciduous	Moderate	Mod/Fast	M	25-35
Tupelo	Nyssa sylvatica	Deciduous	Mod/High	Moderate	M	30-45
Chinese Pistache	Pistacia chinensis	Deciduous	Low	Moderate	M	30-50
Golden Rain Tree	Koelreuteria paniculata	Deciduous	Mod/Low	Moderate	M	20-40
Chinese flame tree	Koelreuteria bipinnata	Deciduous	Mod/Low	Mod/Fast	M	30-40
Emerald Sunshine Elm	Ulmus propinqua	Deciduous	Mod/Low	Fast	M	25-35
Frontier elm	Ulmus parvifolia	Deciduous	Moderate	Mod/Fast	M	30-40
Shantung Maple	Acer truncatum	Deciduous	Mod/Low	Mod/Fast	M	20-30
Saucer Magnolia	Magnolia soulangeana	Deciduous	Moderate	Moderate	M	20-30
Pink Dawn Chitalpa	Chitalpa tashkentensis	Deciduous	Low	Fast	M	25-30
Little leaf linden	tilia cordata	Deciduous	Mod/High	Mod/Fast	M	30-50
Pyramidal European hornbeam	Carpinus betulus 'Fastigiata	Deciduous	Moderate	Slow/Mod	M	30-40
Sweet bay	Laurus nobilis	Evergreen	Low	Slow/Mod	M	20-40
Marina Strawberry Tree	Arbutus	Evergreen	Low	Moderate	M	30-40
Fern pine	Ipodocarpus gracilior	Evergreen	Moderate	Slow	M	35-45
SMALL TREES --- up to 25 feet in height						

NAME	SPECIES	TYPE	WATER NEEDS	GROWTH RATE	SIZE	HEIGHTS
Bubba Desert willow	Chilopsis linearis	Deciduous	Low	Mod/Fast	S	15-25
Single Trunk Crape Myrtle **Sap/Aphids	Lagerstroemia indica	Deciduous	Low	Slow/Mod	S	15-25
Loquat (Bronze)	Eriobotrya deflexa	Evergreen	Moderate	Fast	S	15-20
Little Gem Magnolia	Magnolia grandiflora	Evergreen	Moderate	slow	S	20-25
Washington hawthorn	Crataegus phaenopyrum	Deciduous	Moderate	Moderate	S	20-25
Eastern Redbud	Cercis canadensis	Deciduous	Moderate	Mod/Fast	S	20-25
Chinese fringe tree	Chionanthus retusus	Deciduous	Low/Mod	Moderate	S	15-25
Prairifire Crabapple	Malus hybrid	Deciduous	Moderate	Slow/Mod	S	15-20
Japanese flowering crabapple	Malus floribunda	Deciduous	Moderate	Slow/Mod	S	15-20
Japanese snowbell	Styrax japonica	Deciduous	Moderate	Slow/Mod	S	20-30

Drought Tolerant Trees, Plants and Other Vegetation

TREES

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Marina Strawberry Tree	Arbutus 'Marina'	Bay Laurel	Laurus nobilis	No common name	Chitalpa tashkentensis
Strawberry Tree	Arbutus unedo	Saratoga Laurel	Laurus 'Saratoga'	Loquat	Eriobotrya japonica
Bottle Tree	Brachychiton populneus	Chinaberry Tree	Melia azedarach	Thornless Honey Locust	Gleditsia triacanthos inermis
Gold Medallion Tree	Cassia leptohylla	Olive	Olea europea	Silk Oak	Grevillea robusta
Deodar Cedar	Cedrus deodara	Jerusalem Thorn	Parkinsonia aculeata	Crape Myrtle	Lagerstroemia 'Indian Tribes varieties'
Carob Trees	Ceratonia siliqua	Pine trees	Pinus species	Idaho Locust	Robinia X ambigua 'Idahoensis'
Mediterranean Fan Palm	Chamaerops humilis	Chinese Pistache	Pistachia chinensis	California Pepper Tree	Schinus molle
Desert Willow	Chilopsis linearis	Oak trees	Quercus species	Japanese Scholar Tree	Sophora japonica
Chaste Tree	Vitex agnus-castus				

SHRUBS

NAME	SPECIES	NAME	SPECIES	NAME	SPECIES
Manzanita species	Arctostaphylos spp.	Forsythia	Forsythia spp.	Pomegranate	Punica granatum
Coyote Brush species	Baccharis spp.	Coffeeberry	Frangula californica	Firethorn	Pyracantha spp.
Fountain Butterfly Bush	Buddleia alternifolia	Silktassel	Garrya elliptica	Italian Buckthorn	Rhamnus alaternus
Little Joe Bottlebrush	Callistemon 'Little Joe'	Grevillea species	Grevillea spp.	India Hawthorn	Rhaphiolepis spp.
Spice Bush	Calycanthus occidentalis	Toyon	Heteromeles arbutifolia	Evergreen Currant	Ribes viburnifolium
Bush Anemone	Carpenteria californica	Juniper species	Juniperus spp.	Rosemary	Rosmarinus spp.
Wild Lilac	Ceanothus spp.	Australian Tea Tree species	Leptospermum spp.	Sage species	Salvia spp.
Flowering Quince	Chaenomeles spp.	Texas Ranger	Leucophyllum frutescens	Lavendar Cotton	Santolina chamaecyparissus
Rock rose	Cistus spp.	Texas Waxleaf Privet	Ligustrum japonicum 'Texanum'	Common Snowberry	Symphoricarpos albus
Smoke Bush	Cotinus coggygr a	Compact Oregon Grape	Mahonia aquifolium 'Compacta'	Woolly Blue Curls	Trichostema lanatum
Winter Daphne	Daphne odora	Creeping Mahonia	Mahonia repens	Coast Rosemary	Westringia fruticosa
Hopseed Bush	Dodonaea viscosa	African Box	Myrsine africanus	Shiny Xylosma	Xylosma congestum
Russian Olive	Elaeagnus angustifolia	Myrtle	Myrtus communis	Oleander	Nerium oleander
Pineapple Guava	Feijoa sellowiana	Heavenly Bamboo	Nandina domestica	Mugho Pine	Pinus mugho mugho

Carolina Cherry Laurel	Prunus caroliniana					
PERENNIALS AND GROUND COVER						
NAME	SPECIES	NAME	SPECIES	NAME	SPECIES	
Sagebrush	Artemesia spp.	Ice Plant	Drosanthernum spp.	Lavendar	Lavandula spp.	
Apapanthus	Agapanthus spp.	Dymondia	Dymondia margaretae	Lion's Tail	Leonotis leonorus	
Kangaroo Paw	Anigozanthos spp.	Echium	Echium spp.	Rose Champion	Lychnis coronaria	
Peruvian Lily	Alstroemeria spp.	California Fuschsia	Epilobium spp.	Sticky Monkey Flower	Mimulus aurantiacus	
Cast Iron Plant	Aspidistra elatior	Santa Barbara Daisy	Erigeron karvinskianus	Dear Grass, Pink Muhly, etc.	Muhlenbergia spp.	
Winter Blooming Bergenia	Bergenia crassifolia	Buckwheat	Eriogonum spp.	Myoporum	Myoporum parvifolium	
Feather Reed Grass	Calamagrostis acutifolia	Wallflower	Erysimum spp.	Poor Man's Orchid	Neomarica caerulea	
Rock Purslane	Calandrinia spp.	California Poppy	Eschscholzia californica	Catmint	Nepeta spp.	
Cape Rush	Chondropetalum	Spurge	Euphorbia chariacas wulfenii	Freeway Daisy	Osteospermum fruticosum	
Hybrid Kaffir Lily	tectorum Clivia hybrids	Euyrops	Euryops pectinatus	Garden Geranium	Pelargonium hortorum	
Bush Morning Glory	Convolvulus cneorum	Blue Fescue	Festuca glauca	Russian Sage	Perovskia spp.	
Ground Morning Glory	Convolvulus	Blanket Flower	Gaillardia spp.	Jerusalem Sage	Phlomis fruticosa	
Creeping Coprosma	mauritanicus Coprosma	Blue Oat Grass	Helictotrichon sempervirens	New Zealand Flax	Phormium tenax	
Verde Vista Coprosma	kirkii Coprosam 'Verde	Red Yucca	Hesperaloe parviflora	Phyla, Fog Fruit, Turkey Tang	Lippia nodiflora	
Tickseed	Vista' Coreopsis spp.	island Alum Root	Heuchera maxima	Matilija Poppy	Romneya coulteri	
Coral Beauty Cotoneaster	Cotoneaster 'Coral	Pacific Coast Iris	Iris douglasiana	Fan Flower	Scaevola spp.	
Ice Plant	Beauty' Delosperma	Red Hot Poker	Kniphofia uvaria	Sedum	Sedum spp.	
Flax Lily	spp. Dianella revoluta	Ice Plant	Lampranthus spp.	Society Garlic	Tulbaghia violacea	
Fortnight Lily	Dietes spp.	Lantana	Lantana spp.	Verbena	Verbena spp. & cvs.	
Blue-eyed Grass	Sisyrinchium spp.	Germander	Teucrium spp.	Mother of Thyme	Thymus praecox	
Australian Bluebell	Sollya heterophylla					
VINES						
NAME	SPECIES	NAME	SPECIES	NAME	SPECIES	
Aristolochia californica	California Dutchman's Pipe	Campsis spp.	Trumpet Creeper	Jasminum nudiflorum	Winter Jasmine	
Bougainvillea 'Barbara Karst'	Barbara Karst Bougainvillea	Gelsemiurn sempervirens	Carolina Jessamine	Macfadyena unguis-cati	Cat's Claw	
Bougainvillea brasiliensis	Brasilian Bougainvillea					