



# City of New Haven

## Department of Parks, Recreation & Trees

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## Trees Division List of Recommended Trees

The City of New Haven Department of Parks, Recreation and Trees recommends the following list of trees for planting on City streets.

Common Name	Latin Name	Characteristics
Hardy Rubber Tree	<i>Eucommia ulmoides</i>	Handsome disease-free tree
Hophornbeam	<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	Not good with some urban stress, good succession tree
Hornbeam, European	<i>Carpinus betulus</i>	Muscle-like bark
Maple, Trident	<i>Acer buergerianum</i>	Medium-sized maple
Pagoda Tree	<i>Styphnolobium japonica</i>	Smaller tree with green stems, summer flowers
Zelkova	<i>Zelkova serrata</i>	Elm like leaves, short upright form, can be used under high power lines
Black Gum	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Great fall color needs moist, well-drained soil
Coffee Tree	<i>Gymnocladus dioica</i>	Seed pods messy but can be useful (coffee)
Elm, American	<i>Ulmus americana</i>	Select disease resistant cultivars or hybrids
Elm, Lacebark	<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>	Handsome and shorter in stature than American Elm, disease resistant
Ginkgo	<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>	Open canopy; interesting leaf; select male species only
Goldenrain Tree	<i>Koelreuteria paniculata</i>	Summer flowers, interesting seed pods, can be used under high power lines
Green Ash	<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	Green Ash is messier but more tolerant of urban stress
Hackberry	<i>Celtis laevigata</i>	Great for habitat and interesting bark. Leaf disease can be unattractive
Honeylocust	<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>	Small leaves, withstands heavy pruning (can be used under high power lines)
Horse Chestnut	<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	Large flowering tree, leaf disease common. Baumannii variety is seedless and good for streets
Katsura Tree	<i>Cercidiphyllum japonicum</i>	Prefers moist soils
Linden	<i>Tilia</i>	Flowers good for the production of honey
Linden, American	<i>Tilia americana</i>	Flowers good for the production of honey
Magnolia	<i>Magnolia species</i>	Great flowers
Maple, Red	<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Great fall color; upright forms available
Maple, Sugar	<i>Acer saccharum</i>	Good for habitat. Sensitive to salt

Oak, Scarlet	Quercus coccinea	More sensitive to urban conditions than pin and red oaks, but still a good candidate for street trees
Oak, Pin	Quercus palustris	Widely planted and one of the most common oaks
Oak, Red	Quercus rubra	Tolerant of pollution and is a great street tree
Oak, Shumard	Quercus shumardii	Leaf shape similar to pin and scarlet oak
Oak, English	Quercus robur	English oak has a fastigate variety.
Oak, White	Quercus alba	Acorns are valuable food for wildlife.
Oak, Swamp White	Quercus bicolor	Naturally occurs in moist bottomlands. More tolerant of urban conditions than white oak
Oak, Shingle	Quercus imbricaria	Old leaves persist through winter.
Oak, Bur	Quercus macrocarpa	Bark is deeply ridged-and-furrowed. Acorn cap is fringed. Tolerant of urban conditions
Oak, Willow	Quercus phellos	Fine texture and makes a good street tree.
Oak, Chestnut	Quercus prinus	Acorns are valuable food for wildlife.
Sourwood	Oxydendron arboreum	Summer flowers
Stewartia, Japanese	Stewartia pseudocamellia	Flaky colorful bark with showy flowers
Sweetgum	Liquidambar styraciflua	Nice foliage; interesting fruit
Tulip Tree	Liriodendron tulipifera	Pretty tulip-shaped flowers and leaves
Yellowwood	Cladrastis kentukea	Good flowers, weak wood
Turkish Filbert	Corylus colurna	Excellent street tree with dark green foliage
Amur maackia	Maackia amurensis	Fixes nitrogen, interesting bark
Cherry Species	Prunus	Prefers full sun. Species often available at nurseries are: Spire cherry, Sargent cherry, Kwanzan cherry, Yoshino cherry, Okame cherry, Bird cherry, Autumn cherry
Crabapple Species	Malus species	Profuse flowers, some have ornamental fruit
Dogwood, Kousa	Cornus kousa	Other types of dogwood are not recommended
Hawthorn	Crataegus	Fruit can be attractive, thorns on some trees (cruzgalli, phaenopyrum)
Hornbeam, American	Carpinus caroliniana	Muscle-like bark
Lilac Tree	Syringa reticulata	Only white flowers available
Maple, Hedge	Acer campestre	Small maple
Plum, Purpleleaf	Prunus cerasifera	Thunderleaf Red foliage, scale major problem
Redbud, Eastern	Cercis canadensis	Not drought tolerant
Serviceberry	Amelanchier	Good understory tree (laevis, canadensis)

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