

City of Oakland - Master Street Tree List

April 2017 - April 2018

These tree species are approved for planting in the public right of way in the City of Oakland. Please see the Plant Your Own City Tree Guidelines for more information about planting.

*Trees on a trial basis will be approved for planting from April 2017 through April 2018. Park and Tree Services Division will review the performance of these trees and may extend the trial basis status, remove planting restrictions, or remove from list.

** Growth rates are for young trees, once established.

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Acer buergerianum	Trident Maple	X				X				D	M	Requires early pruning of dense branching.
Acer campestre 'Evelyn' or 'Queen Elizabeth'	Hedge Maple		X				X			D	S	Limited use on a trial basis.* These varieties have a more dependable upright form.
Acer negundo 'Sensation'	Sensation Box Elder		X					X		D	M-F	Limited use on trial basis.* This variety is disease-resistant and has a more reliable tree form than the species. Unspecified varieties are not allowed.
Acer rubrum 'Armstrong', 'Armstrong Gold', 'Brandywine' or 'October Glory'	Red Maple		X					X		D	M-F	'Armstrong' and 'Armstrong Gold' have narrow, upright form. 'Brandywine' is upright but less narrow.
Acer saccharum nigrum	Black Maple		X					X		D	S	'Greencolumn' variety has narrow, upright form.
Acer x freemanii 'Jeffersred'	Autumn Blaze Maple			X				X		D	F	Limited use on trial basis.*
Aesculus carnea 'Briotii'	Red Horsechestnut			X			X			D	S	
Albizia julibrissin	Silk Tree, Mimosa Tree		X				X			D	F	

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Arbutus 'Marina'	Hybrid Madrone, Strawberry Tree		X					X		E	S-M	Limited use on a trial basis.* Fruit in fall/winter can be messy.
Carpinus betulus 'Fastigiata' or 'Frans Fontaine'	European Hornbeam		X				X			D	M	'Frans Fontaine' remains fastigiata, but 'Fastigiata' is eventually broader.
Cercis canadensis	Eastern Redbud	X				X				D	M	Variety 'Forest Pansy' has purple leaves.
Chionanthus retusus	Chinese Fringe Tree	X				X				D	M	Limited use on a trial basis.*
x Chitalpa tashkentensis	Chitalpa		X				X			D	F	Limited use on trial basis.*
Fraxinus americana 'Autumn Purple' or 'Empire'	American Ash			X					X	D	M	
Fraxinus dipetala	Foothill Ash		X				X			D	M	Limited use on trial basis.*
Fraxinus oxycarpa (angustifolia) 'Raywood'	Raywood Ash			X				X		D	M	
Geijera parviflora	Australian Willow		X				X			E	S-M	
Ginkgo biloba 'Fairmont', 'Princeton Sentry', or 'Saratoga'	Maidenhair Tree		X					X		D	S	These varieties have a more dependable upright form and are all non-fruiting males.
Gleditsia triacanthos inermis 'Shademaster' or 'Skyline'	Thornless Honey Locust			X				X		D	S	

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Gymnocladus dioica 'Espresso'	Kentucky Coffee Tree			X				X		D	M-F	Limited use on a trial basis.* 'Espresso' is a male variety without seeds.
Heteromeles arbutifolia	Toyon	X				X				E	S-M	Limited use on a trial basis.* Needs training to encourage upright form.
Koelreuteria bipinnata	Chinese Flame Tree			X			X			D	M	
Koelreuteria paniculata	Goldenrain Tree			X			X			D	M	
Lagerstroemia indica x L. fauriei 'Muskogee', 'Natchez', 'Tuscarora'	Hybrid Crape Myrtle	X				X				D	M	These varieties resist powdery mildew. Flower colors: 'Muskogee' lavender, 'Natchez' white, 'Tuscarora' pink.
Laurus nobilis 'Saratoga'	Saratoga Laurel		X				X			E	S-M	This variety has a more reliable tree form.
Lophostemon confertus (<i>Tristania conferta</i>)	Brisbane Box		X					X		E	M-F	Limited use on a trial basis.*
Lyonothamnus floribundus <i>asplenifolius</i>	Catalina Ironwood			X				X		E	M	Limited use on a trial basis.*
Magnolia grandiflora 'D.D. Blanchard', 'Majestic Beauty', 'Samuel Sommer', or any unspecified variety	Southern Magnolia (large varieties)				X			X		E	S-M	
Magnolia grandiflora 'Little Gem' or 'Saint Mary'	Southern Magnolia (small varieties)		X			X				E	S	
Melaleuca linariifolia	Flaxleaf Paperbark		X				X			E	F	Limited use on trial basis.*
Melaleuca quinquenervia (M. viridiflora var. rubriflora)	Cajeput Tree		X				X			E	M	

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Metrosideros excelsus	New Zealand Christmas Tree		X				X			E	M	
Nyssa sylvatica	Sour Gum or Tupelo		X					X		D	M	Named varieties ('Red Rage', 'Wildfire', etc.) have more dependable growth habit and fall color.
Parrotia persica	Persian Parrotia	X					X			D	S-M	Limited use on a trial basis.*
Photinia x fraseri	Fraser Photinia	X				X				E	M-F	
Pistacia chinensis 'Keith Davey' or 'Pearl Street'	Chinese Pistache		X					X		D	S-M	These male varieties have a more reliable tree form and no fruit.
Platanus x hispanica (acerifolia) 'Columbia'	London Plane			X					X	D	F	This variety is the most disease-resistant.
Podocarpus gracilior (Afrocarpus falcatus)	African Fern Pine			X					X	E	S-M	Fruit can be an issue.
Prunus cerasifera 'Krauter Vesuvius', 'Newport'	Purple Leaf Plum	X				X				D	M	These varieties have little to no fruit.
Prunus x blireana	Double Pink Flowering Plum	X				X				D	S-M	
Pyrus calleryana 'Aristocrat'	Aristocrat Pear		X				X			D	M-F	Limited Use: Potential for fire blight infection
Pyrus kawakamii	Evergreen Pear	X				X				E/D	M-F	Limited Use: Potential for fire blight infection and leaf spot
Quercus agrifolia	Coast Live Oak				X			X		E	M-F	Limited use on a trial basis.* Acorn litter can be an issue

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Quercus coccinea	Scarlet Oak				X				X	D	M-F	Acorn litter can be an issue
Quercus douglasii	Blue Oak				X				X	D	S	Acorn litter can be an issue
Quercus ilex	Holly Oak			X					X	E	M	Limited use on trial basis.* Acorn litter can be an issue.
Quercus macrocarpa	Bur Oak				X				X	D	F	Limited use on trial basis.* Acorn litter can be an issue. Variety 'Urban Pinnacle' has smaller acorns and is fastigate.
Quercus palustris	Pin Oak			X					X	D	M-F	Acorn litter can be an issue
Quercus shumardii	Shumard Red Oak			X					X	D	M-F	Acorn litter can be an issue
Quercus suber	Cork Oak			X					X	E	M-F	Acorn litter can be an issue. Avoid summer irrigation when established.
Rhus lancea	African Sumac	X				X				E	M	Requires training when young to encourage upright growth.
Robinia pseudoacacia 'Bessoniana'	Bessoniana Black Locust		X						X	D	F	Limited use on trial basis.* This variety is thornless, compact, and less invasive than the species. Other varieties are not allowed.
Robinia x ambigua 'Purple Robe'	Purple Flowering Locust		X						X	D	M-F	Requires training when young to prevent overlong branching or narrow crotch angles.
Sapium sebiferum (Triadica sebifera)	Chinese Tallow Tree		X				X			D	M	Possible Invasiveness
Tilia tomentosa	Silver Linden		X						X	D	M-F	

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Tristania laurina (Tristaniopsis laurina)	Water Gum	X				X				E	S	
Ulmus 'Frontier'	Frontier Hybrid Elm			X				X		D	M-F	
Ulmus americana 'Jefferson', 'New Harmony', or 'Princeton'	American Elm			X					X	D	F	These varieties resist Dutch Elm Disease.
Ulmus propinqua 'Emerald Sunshine'	Emerald Sunshine Elm		X				X			D	M	Limited use on trial basis.* Smaller than other elms.

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