

Spring 2025 Tree Planting List

Serviceberry Trees - This native tree produces beautiful flowers in the springtime and is great at supporting pollinators and birds. Some varieties produce small fruits that are edible and are usually eaten before they cause a mess in your lawn. These trees are safe to plant under powerlines due to their shorter maximum height of 25ft.

Hornbeam Trees - This tree is shorter in stature, maxing out at a height of 30ft, and is safe to plant under powerlines and around drainage ditches. These trees are great for providing shade, and birds love to eat the seeds.

Catalpa Trees - This tree is a native of Michigan and is often found in wet areas, meaning it does well near drainage ditches. It has a beautiful white flower that blooms in the spring, and is a widely desired landscaping tree.

Red Bud Trees - These iconic trees are known for their beautiful red and pink flowers that bloom prior to the leaves forming in the spring. You will see some located near City Hall! Later in spring and in the summer their heart shaped leaves are a deep green. These trees are also native and support native birds and pollinators.

Turkish Filbert Trees - Also known as Turkish Hazel, this tree comes from western Asia as the name implies. This tree is great at producing shade and grows into a pyramid-like shape. This tree grows slowly and reaches a maximum height of approximately 50ft tall in Michigan.

American Beech Trees - These trees are legendary shade trees that once dominated the great lakes region. They grow to large heights over time, and birds love the small nuts they produce. The tree is very sturdy and is unlikely to break from storm damage.

Maidenhair Trees - Also known as Ginkgo Trees, these are sought after landscaping trees due to their aesthetic appeal and success near paved areas. These trees are hardy and will resist damage from storms. Their roots typically do not interfere with underground utilities and they are recommended as street trees by many experts.

Kentucky Coffeetrees - These trees are found throughout much of the eastern United States and have been used as street trees by the City for many years. Birds move to nest in them, but unfortunately their numbers are in decline due to deforestation by humans. These trees help stabilize the soil they are planted in, so they work well near drainage ditches and ponds.

Tuliptrees - These trees got their name from the tulip like appearance of their flowers but they are technically magnolia trees. These trees are some of the best shade trees in North America and have large uniquely shaped leaves. The tuliptree is loved by birds and other Michigan wildlife.

Amur Maackia - These trees are popular landscaping trees due to their compact size and resiliency. They are popular right of way trees due to their salt tolerance and shorter height that allows them to be planted near powerlines. They produce a good amount of shade as well, giving pedestrians a more comfortable journey.

Black Gum Trees - These trees are also called Black Tupelo trees and are known for their resemblance to maple trees. They become a brilliant red color in the fall, and produce small fruits that are eaten by birds.

Japanese Lilac - As the name implies, this tree hails from Japan. They produce large, beautiful flowers that bloom in the spring and grow to a maximum of 20-30ft tall. This allows them to be planted near powerlines. Some Michigan hummingbirds are known to feed on these flowers.

Greenspire Linden Trees - These trees do well in Michigan's climate and is popular with landscapers due to their brilliant green leaves. They produce shade produce small fruits that support birds.

Elm Tree Variants - This variant of the elm tree is resistant to Dutch Elm Disease, and thus provides all the benefits that the City lost when our elms were wiped out. They provide a great deal of shade, and will be able to thrive in City right of ways due to their high salt tolerance.

Maple Trees - Maples trees make up a great deal of the City's existing canopy, and for good reason. They turn brilliant red hues during the fall, and are one of Michigan's iconic trees. These trees will help serve as the bedrock for our urban canopy.

Yellow Wood - These trees produce lovely flowers that attract hummingbirds and butterflies. They do well in right of ways since they like full sun, and will produce a great deal of shade when their leaves come in.