

METRO DISTRICTS

List of Acceptable Trees

This is a rough list of the most common trees that most local nurseries sell several varieties of. Depending on filing and phases, for the most part you need one or two 2-inch caliber deciduous tree for placement and/or any pine/evergreen at least 6 feet tall are fine in the front yard.

Any trees close to the sidewalk should be maintained/pruned so as not to hang lower than 7 feet or interfere with pedestrian/bike riders on the sidewalk. Tree lawn trees must meet Approved Community Landscape Plan, or Town code for species.

Most homes should have at least one tree (Depending on your phase) in the front yard. Check with District if unsure. Trees placed in your yard do have some exemptions and this is approved by ACC only. Exemptions would be some Cul-de-sac's lots due to radius, too close to driveway, street light poles, utility pedestals, fire hydrants, Town site triangle or any traffic code.

Planting a tree, you should over dig tree hole two or three times the size of the root ball and add topsoil for best results. Haul away bad soil.

Acceptable deciduous specimen trees are:

1. Linden's (Several varieties available)
2. Maple (Several varieties available) Silver Leaf Maple not recommended.
3. Honey Locust (Several varieties available)
4. Elm (Disease resistant species only)
5. Oak (Slow growing, several varieties available)
6. Boxelder (Several varieties available)
7. Coffee Tree (Several varieties available)
8. Hackberry (Several varieties available)

Ornamental trees are not allowed in tree lawns.

In areas where one tree is required in the back yard and in your back yard only: Ornamental trees can be substituted for deciduous canopy trees on a 2 to 1 basis.

Please keep in mind Cottonwood or Aspen trees have large shallow root systems and can spread roots all over your yard and into your neighbor yard.

Acceptable evergreen trees are:

1. Austrian Pine
2. Ponderosa Pine
3. Scotch Pine
4. Colorado Spruce
5. Colorado Fir

This list of trees is just a general list, several sub species of each tree are available; Local nurseries have found most of these trees seem to grow well in this area.

Consult your landscaper, arborist or local tree nursery on a tree that will work for you and the location of the tree placement. **Trees in the tree lawn must match community landscape plans.**

Make note of minimum tree requirements in your yard for your area/phase of development. Trees in your yard should be at least 5 feet from sidewalks, driveways, property lines and fences and 10 feet from your home. Always call 811 for utility locates before any digging. No advertising signs allowed in yards.