



TREE GUIDE

Fact Sheet

Private Property Tree List

Planting trees on private property is determined by the property owner, however, it is suggested that property owners choose from the trees listed below under [Approved Street Trees](#) and take into consideration the space and water required for tree growth.

Approved Street Tree List

The City of Mason selects trees to be placed in the right of way, along City streets, from the following list. Trees are chosen specific to the location based on location and suggestions from the [2019 Tree Assessment](#).

Small trees — under 35' when mature

Common Name	Latin Botanical Name
Serviceberry	Amelanchier laevis and Amelanchier arborea

Medium-sized trees — under 60' when mature

Common Name	Latin Botanical Name
Amur Cork Tree	Phellodendron amurense
Black Gum	Nyssa sylvatica
Callery Pear	Pyrus calleryana
Crimson King Maple	Acer platanoides
Ginkgo; male plants or grafts only	Ginkgo biloba
Hedge Maple	Acer Campestre
Ironwood, Hophornbeam	Ostrya virginiana
Japanese Pagoda Tree	Styphnolobium japonicum
Red Maple and varieties	Acer rubrum
Shingle Oak	Quercus imbricaria
Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn	Crataegus crus-galli
Zelkova	Zelkova serrata

Large trees — over 60' when mature

Common Name	Latin Botanical Name
Greenspire Littleleaf Linden	Tilia cordata
Katsura Tree	Cercidiphyllum japonicum
Kentucky Coffee Tree; male trees only	Gymnocladus dioicus
London Plane Tree	Platanus x acerifolia
Red Oak	Quercus rubra
Sugar Maple	Acer saccharum
Swamp White Oak	Quercus bicolor
Sweet Gum	Liquidambar styraciflua
Thornless Honey Locust and its cultivars	Gleditsia triacanthos 'inermis'
Turkish Hazelnut	Corylus colurna
White Oak	Quercus alba

Prohibited Species for the City of Mason Street Trees

These tree species are invasive and considered “nuisance trees.” We encourage homeowners to not plant the following species of trees:

- Ailanthus altissima (Tree of Heaven)
- Acer platanoides (Norway Maple)
- Acer negundo (Box Elder)
- Elaeagnus angustifolia (Russian Olive)
- Elaeagnus umbellata (Autumn Olive)
- Juglans nigra (Black Walnut)
- Lonicera Complex (Honeysuckle), including: L. tatarica [Tatarian], L. maackii [Bush], L. xbella [xBell] and L. mowerii [Morrow}
- Lonicera japonica (Japanese Honeysuckle)
- Malus (Large-fruited Crabapples)
- Morus alba (Mulberry)
- Populus deltoids (Eastern Cottonwood)
- Rosa multiflora (Multiflora Rose)
- Rhamnus cathartica (Common Buckthorn)
- Robinia pseudoacacia (Black Locust)
- Tamnus frangula (Glossy Buckthorn and its cultivars, including Hedge Buckthorn)
- Robinia pseudoacacia (Black Locust)
- Salix (Willows) all kinds
- Ulmus pumila (Siberian Elm)

New Tree Maintenance Guide

If City plants a new tree in the right of way in front of your property, please assist us in caring for the new tree by following the new tree maintenance list below. This new tree is a sizeable investment and as it grows, it will continue to increase the value of your property. Collectively, the newly planted tree will become more attractive with the passage of time and will continue to make the City of Mason a pleasant community in which to live.

Please follow these tree maintenance instructions to keep your tree in healthy condition:

- Water the tree thoroughly once every 2 weeks during the first two growing seasons. The soil should be moist to a depth of 18" after watering. Usually, 10-15 gallons will be sufficient for one watering.
- Add no fertilizer during the first growing season. A fertilizer may be applied during the second growing season at the rate of 1/3 lbs. of 12-12-12 concentration per tree every other month.
- Do not use any herbicides around the tree. This includes granular weed-and-feed or any form of 2-4-D. Weeds must be removed manually from the soil.
- Placing mulch around the tree will help keep the soil temperature more uniform throughout the year, as well as conserve soil moisture during the hot summer months.
- Your new tree's branches have been pruned back at the time of planting to compensate for the loss of roots during the harvesting process. This will help the tree to re-establish itself more quickly.

Legacy Tree Program

The Legacy Tree Program is a great way to honor someone, a group, or to simply add to the beautiful trees we have, to assist in our Tree City USA beautification program. This is a donation-based program, and the City of Mason Tree Commission has developed a list of trees to be used as legacy plantings. Legacy trees, as defined in this program, are long-lived, native species that embody the essences of place. Information on the Legacy Program may be found on our website, [here](#).

Tree Commission

If you would like to be involved with the Trees in our community, consider reaching out to the City of Mason's Tree Commission by attending Commission meetings, becoming a member of the Commission, nominating a person or group to be recognized as part of our annual Arbor Day celebration, or emailing your ideas or concerns.

Resources: More Questions? Please Contact our Customer Service Desk at 517.676.9155 or info@mason.mi.us.