



City of Chicago Urban Tree Planting List

List Premises:

- This list is not intended to be exhaustive but identifies urban tolerant trees, suitable for hardiness zones 5 and 6, and planted within the City of Chicago.
- Whenever possible, trees should be grown within 200 miles of their planting location.
- Trees may be planted as bare-root, balled & burlapped (B&B), grow bag or container grown.
- Parkway and sidewalk cut out trees should have a single central stem and be in tree form.
- Tree selection should follow the Chicago Bureau of Forestry's Guidelines for Tree Diversity.

List Key:

City Parkway	The city parkway refers to a predominantly continuous soil planting area within the public right-of-way, typically greater than 4' wide and adjacent to the curb line of a street.
Sidewalk Cut-out	A sidewalk cut-out refers to an opening in a sidewalk completely surrounded by concrete, asphalt, or pavers. This category also identifies trees better suited to parkways on arterial streets, narrow parkways (less than 4' wide), and other restricted size planting sites.
Median	Median trees are in landscape medians, traffic circles or other planters in the center of the roadway.
Private Property	Private property includes residential, corporate, parks, golf courses, cemeteries, or any other landscaped planting site not within the public right-of-way.
Under Wires	Smaller trees better suited for planting under utility wires.
Salt Tolerant	Salt tolerant trees are recommended for use in areas which are subject to road salt.
Spring Planting Best	Trees which may require spring planting or at least to be nursery dug in the spring to improve establishment and survivability rates.
Promotes Diversity	Tree Species or Species varieties occurring less frequently within Chicago.
Availability	
	GD = Good: commonly available in most nurseries
	AV = Average: available in many nurseries
	LTD = Limited: available in some nurseries in limited quantities or sizes
	VLTD = Very Limited: somewhat difficult to find in nurseries
	NA = Not Available: currently no known growers
Hardiness	
	EX = Excellent: good overall survivability
	GD = Good: performs well
	AV = Average: grows within the area
	AV-PR= Average to Poor: may grow within protected sites but otherwise not survive in exposed sites.
Ease of Transplant	
	GD = Good: Easily transplantable
	AV = Average: Transplants reasonably well
	DIF= Difficult: Requires special consideration for successful transplant

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Common Name	Scientific Name			City parkway	Sidewalk cut out	Median	Private property	Under wires	Salt tolerant	Spring planting best	Promotes Diversity	Availability	Hardness	Ease of transplant
	Genus	Species	Cultivar											
White Fir	<i>Abies</i>	<i>concolor</i>										AV	GD	GD
Hedge Maple	<i>Acer</i>	<i>campestre</i>										AV	GD	GD
Amur maple	<i>Acer</i>	<i>ginnala</i>	'Flame'									AV	AV	AV
Miyabe Maple	<i>Acer</i>	<i>miyabei</i>										GD	GD	GD
State Street® Miyabe Maple	<i>Acer</i>	<i>miyabei</i>	'Morton'									GD	GD	GD
Black Maple	<i>Acer</i>	<i>nigrum</i>										LTD	AV	AV
Crimson king maple	<i>Acer</i>	<i>platanoides</i>	'Crimson King'									GD	GD	GD
Deborah Norway maple	<i>Acer</i>	<i>platanoides</i>	'Deborah'									GD	GD	GD
Emerald Luster maple	<i>Acer</i>	<i>platanoides</i>	Emerald Lustre™									GD	GD	GD
Satisfaction maple	<i>Acer</i>	<i>platanoides x truncatum</i>	'Satisfaction'									GD	GD	GD
Sycamore Maple	<i>Acer</i>	<i>pseudoplatanus</i>										NA	AV	AV
Fall Fiesta Sugar Maple	<i>Acer</i>	<i>saccharum</i>	Fall Fiesta									AV	GD	AV
Green Mountain® Sugar Maple	<i>Acer</i>	<i>saccharum</i>	'PNI 0285'									AV	AV	AV
Skinner's Cut-leaved Silver Maple	<i>Acer</i>	<i>saccharinum</i>	'Skinneri'									NA	GD	GD
Silver Queen Silver Maple	<i>Acer</i>	<i>saccharinum</i>	Silver Queen									NA	GD	GD
Norwegian Sunset® Maple	<i>Acer</i>	<i>truncatum x A. platanoides</i>	'Keithsform'									LTD	GD	GD
Pacific Sunset® Maple	<i>Acer</i>	<i>truncatum x A. platanoides</i>	'Warrenred'									AV	GD	GD
Autumn Fantasy Maple	<i>Acer</i>	<i>x freemanii</i>	'Autumn Fantasy'									GD	GD	GD
Marmo Maple	<i>Acer</i>	<i>x freemanii</i>	'Marmo'									GD	GD	GD
Sienna Glen® Maple	<i>Acer</i>	<i>x freemanii</i>	'Sienna'									LTD	GD	GD
Ohio Buckeye	<i>Aesculus</i>	<i>glabra</i>										AV	GD	AV
Baumann Horsechestnut	<i>Aesculus</i>	<i>hippocastanum</i>	'Baumannii'									LTD	GD	AV
Yellow Buckeye	<i>Aesculus</i>	<i>octandra</i>										LTD	GD	AV
European Black Alder **	<i>Alnus</i>	<i>glutinosa</i>										GD	GD	GD
White Alder **	<i>Alnus</i>	<i>incana</i>										LTD	GD	GD
Apple Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier</i>	<i>x grandiflora</i>										LTD	GD	GD
Allegheny Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier</i>	<i>laevis</i>										LTD	GD	GD
River Birch	<i>Betula</i>	<i>nigra</i>										GD	GD	AV
Heritage River Birch	<i>Betula</i>	<i>nigra</i>	'Heritage'									GD	GD	AV
European Hornbeam	<i>Carpinus</i>	<i>betulus</i>										AV	GD	DIF
American Hornbeam	<i>Carpinus</i>	<i>caroliniana</i>										AV	GD	DIF
Bitternut Hickory	<i>Carya</i>	<i>cordiformis</i>										NA	AV-PR	DIF
Shellbark Hickory	<i>Carya</i>	<i>laciniosa</i>										NA	AV-PR	DIF
Pignut Hickory	<i>Carya</i>	<i>glabra</i>										NA	AV-PR	DIF
Mockernut Hickory	<i>Carya</i>	<i>tomentosa</i>										NA	AV-PR	DIF
Shagbark Hickory	<i>Carya</i>	<i>ovata</i>										LTD	AV	DIF
Chinese Catalpa	<i>Catalpa</i>	<i>ovata</i>										VLTD	AV	GD
Northern Catalpa	<i>Catalpa</i>	<i>speciosa</i>										GD	GD	GD
Sugarberry	<i>Celtis</i>	<i>laevigata</i>										AV	AV	GD
Chicagoland Hackberry	<i>Celtis</i>	<i>occidentalis</i>	'Chicagoland'									LTD	GD	GD
Hackberry	<i>Celtis</i>	<i>occidentalis</i>										GD	GD	GD
Windy City Hackberry	<i>Celtis</i>	<i>occidentalis</i>	'Windy City'									LTD	GD	GD
Katsuratree	<i>Cercidiphyllum</i>	<i>japonicum</i>										GD	GD	DIF
Eastern Redbud	<i>Cercis</i>	<i>canadensis</i>										GD	AV	AV
Whitebud	<i>Cercis</i>	<i>canadensis</i>	'Alba'									VLTD	AV	AV
American Yellowwood	<i>Cladrastis</i>	<i>kentuckea</i>										VLTD	AV	AV
Yellowwood Perkins Pink	<i>Cladrastis</i>	<i>kentuckea</i>	'Perkins Pink'									NA	AV	AV
Pagoda Dogwood	<i>Cornus</i>	<i>alternifolia</i>										AV	AV-PR	AV
Corneliancherry Dogwood	<i>Cornus</i>	<i>mas</i>										GD	GD	GD
Turkish Hazelnut	<i>Corylus</i>	<i>columna</i>										AV	AV	AV
Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus</i>	<i>crusgalli</i>	var. inermis									GD	GD	GD
Washington Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus</i>	<i>phaenopyrum</i>										GD	GD	GD
Winter King Green Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus</i>	<i>viridis</i>	'Winter King'									GD	GD	GD
Hardy Rubber Tree	<i>Eucommia</i>	<i>ulmoides</i>										VLTD	AV	GD
American Beech	<i>Fagus</i>	<i>grandifolia</i>										LTD	AV-PR	DIF
Copper Beech	<i>Fagus</i>	<i>sylvatica</i>	'Purpurea' (syn.'Cuprea')									AV	AV-PR	DIF
Fern-leaved European Beech	<i>Fagus</i>	<i>sylvatica</i>	'Asplenifolia'									AV	AV-PR	DIF
Ginkgo, Male only	<i>Ginkgo</i>	<i>biloba</i>										AV	GD	GD
Magyar Ginkgo	<i>Ginkgo</i>	<i>biloba</i>	'Magyar'									LTD	GD	GD
Princeton Sentry Ginkgo	<i>Ginkgo</i>	<i>biloba</i>	'Princeton Sentry'									LTD	GD	GD

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Imperial honeylocust	<i>Gleditsia</i>	<i>triacanthos</i>	var. inermis 'Imperial'	🌳	🌳	🌳	🌳		🌳			GD	GD	GD
Shademaster honeylocust	<i>Gleditsia</i>	<i>triacanthos</i>	var. inermis 'Shademaster'	🌳	🌳	🌳	🌳		🌳			GD	GD	GD
Skyline honeylocust	<i>Gleditsia</i>	<i>triacanthos</i>	var. inermis 'Skyline'	🌳	🌳	🌳	🌳		🌳			GD	GD	GD
Kentucky Coffeetree	<i>Gymnocladus</i>	<i>dioicus</i>		🌳	🌳	🌳	🌳		🌳			GD	GD	GD
Black Walnut	<i>Juglans</i>	<i>nigra</i>					🌳		🌳	🌳	🌳	LTD	AV	DIF
Canaert Eastern Redcedar	<i>Juniperus</i>	<i>virginiana</i>	'Canaertii'				🌳		🌳	🌳	🌳	AV	GD	GD
Eastern Redcedar	<i>Juniperus</i>	<i>virginiana</i>					🌳		🌳	🌳	🌳	AV	GD	GD
Chinese Juniper	<i>Juniperus</i>	<i>chinensis</i>	Upright cultivars				🌳		🌳	🌳	🌳	AV	GD	GD
European Larch	<i>Larix</i>	<i>decidua</i>		🌳			🌳		🌳	🌳	🌳	AV	AV	AV
Moraine Sweetgum	<i>Liquidambar</i>	<i>styraciflua</i>	'Moraine'	🌳			🌳				🌳	LTD	AV-PR	DIF
Tuliptree	<i>Liriodendron</i>	<i>tulipifera</i>					🌳			🌳	🌳	LTD	AV-PR	DIF
Cucumbertree magnolia	<i>Magnolia</i>	<i>acuminata</i>		🌳			🌳			🌳	🌳	LTD	AV	AV
Thornless Osage Orange	<i>Maclura</i>	<i>pomifera</i>	'Wichita'	🌳			🌳	🌳			🌳	VLTD	GD	GD
Thornless Osage Orange	<i>Maclura</i>	<i>pomifera</i>	'White Shield'	🌳			🌳	🌳			🌳	VLTD	AV	GD
Korean Crabapple	<i>Malus</i>	<i>baccata</i>	var. jackii				🌳	🌳		🌳	🌳	GD	GD	GD
Beverly Crabapple	<i>Malus</i>		'Beverly'				🌳	🌳		🌳	🌳	GD	GD	GD
Cardinal Crabapple	<i>Malus</i>		'Cardinal'				🌳	🌳		🌳	🌳	GD	GD	GD
Purple Prince Crabapple	<i>Malus</i>		Purple Prince				🌳	🌳		🌳	🌳	GD	GD	GD
Red Jewel Crabapple	<i>Malus</i>		'Red Jewel' (syn.'Jewelcole')				🌳	🌳		🌳	🌳	GD	GD	GD
Red Peacock Crabapple	<i>Malus</i>		'Red Peacock'				🌳	🌳		🌳	🌳	GD	GD	GD
Sargent's Crabapple	<i>Malus</i>	<i>sargentii</i>					🌳	🌳		🌳	🌳	GD	GD	GD
Golden Raindrops® Crabapple	<i>Malus</i>	<i>transitoria</i>	'Schmidcutleaf'				🌳	🌳		🌳	🌳	GD	GD	GD
Zumi Crabapple	<i>Malus</i>	<i>x zumi</i>					🌳	🌳		🌳	🌳	GD	GD	GD
Dawn Redwood	<i>Metasequoia</i>	<i>glyptostrobooides</i>		🌳	🌳	🌳	🌳			🌳	🌳	VLTD	AV	AV
Black Gum, Tupelo	<i>Nyssa</i>	<i>sylvatica</i>					🌳			🌳	🌳	LTD	AV-PR	AV
Ironwood	<i>Ostrya</i>	<i>virigniana</i>		🌳			🌳			🌳	🌳	AV	GD	GD
Black Hills Spruce	<i>Picea</i>	<i>glauca</i>	'Densata'				🌳		🌳			GD	GD	GD
Serbian Spruce	<i>Picea</i>	<i>omorika</i>					🌳		🌳			GD	GD	GD
Colorado Blue Spruce	<i>Picea</i>	<i>pungens</i>	var. glauca				🌳					GD	GD	GD
Exclamation!™ London Planetree	<i>Platanus</i>	<i>x acerifolia</i>	'Morton Circle'	🌳	🌳		🌳		🌳	🌳	🌳	LTD	AV	GD
Ovation™ London Planetree	<i>Platanus</i>	<i>x acerifolia</i>	'Morton Euclid'	🌳	🌳		🌳		🌳	🌳	🌳	LTD	AV	GD
American Sycamore	<i>Platanus</i>	<i>occidentalis</i>		🌳			🌳			🌳		AV	AV	GD
Robusta Poplar	<i>Populus</i>	<i>x euramerica</i>	'Robusta'	🌳			🌳		🌳	🌳	🌳	LTD	AV	GD
Siouxland Poplar	<i>Populus</i>	<i>deltoides</i>	'Siouxland'	🌳			🌳		🌳	🌳	🌳	LTD	AV	GD
Quaking Aspen	<i>Populus</i>	<i>tremuloides</i>					🌳		🌳	🌳	🌳	AV	AV	GD
Sargent Cherry	<i>Prunus</i>	<i>sargentii</i>		🌳	🌳		🌳			🌳	🌳	VLTD	AV	GD
Canada Red Choke Cherry	<i>Prunus</i>	<i>virginiana</i>	'Canada Red'	🌳	🌳		🌳			🌳	🌳	AV	AV	GD
Douglas fir	<i>Pseudotsuga</i>	<i>menziesii</i>					🌳			🌳		GD	AV	GD
Chanticleer pear**	<i>Pyrus</i>	<i>calleryana</i>	'Chanticleer'	🌳	🌳		🌳			🌳		GD	GD	GD
Fauriei pear**	<i>Pyrus</i>	<i>calleryana</i>	'Fauriei'	🌳	🌳		🌳	🌳		🌳		AV	GD	GD
Redspire pear**	<i>Pyrus</i>	<i>calleryana</i>	'Redspire'	🌳	🌳		🌳			🌳		GD	GD	GD
White Oak	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>alba</i>				🌳	🌳			🌳	🌳	LTD	GD	DIF
Crimson Spire™ Oak	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>alba x robur</i>	'Crimschmidt'	🌳	🌳		🌳			🌳	🌳	VLTD	GD	AV
Swamp White Oak	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>bicolor</i>		🌳	🌳	🌳	🌳			🌳	🌳	GD	GD	GD
Hill's Oak	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>ellipsoidalis</i>		🌳		🌳	🌳			🌳	🌳	AV	AV	GD
Shingle Oak	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>imbricaria</i>		🌳	🌳	🌳	🌳			🌳	🌳	AV	AV	AV
Bur Oak	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>macrocarpa</i>		🌳		🌳	🌳			🌳	🌳	GD	AV	DIF
Chinkapin Oak	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>muehlenbergii</i>		🌳		🌳	🌳			🌳	🌳	AV	GD	AV
Chestnut oak	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>prinus</i>		🌳			🌳			🌳	🌳	AV	AV	AV
English Oak	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>robur</i>		🌳	🌳		🌳		🌳	🌳	🌳	VLTD	GD	AV
Regal Prince English Oak	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>robur 'Fastigiata' x Q. bicolor 'Long'</i>		🌳	🌳		🌳			🌳	🌳	GD	GD	AV
Skymaster® English Oak	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>robur</i>	'Pyramich'	🌳	🌳		🌳			🌳	🌳	VLTD	GD	AV
Heritage® Macdaniel's Oak	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>x macdanielii</i>	'Clemons'	🌳	🌳		🌳		🌳	🌳	🌳	VLTD	GD	AV
Shumard's Oak	<i>Quercus</i>	<i>shumardii</i>		🌳		🌳	🌳			🌳	🌳	LTD	GD	AV
Chicago Blues Black Locust	<i>Robinia</i>	<i>pseudoacacia</i>	'Chicago Blues'	🌳	🌳	🌳	🌳		🌳	🌳	🌳	LTD	AV	AV
Staghorn sumac	<i>Rhus</i>	<i>typhina</i>				🌳	🌳	🌳	🌳			AV	GD	GD
Japanese pagodatree	<i>Sophora</i>	<i>japonica</i>		🌳	🌳		🌳			🌳	🌳	VLTD	AV	GD
Mountain ash	<i>Sorbus</i>	<i>aucuparia</i>		🌳			🌳	🌳		🌳	🌳	AV	AV	GD
China Snow® Peking Lilac	<i>Syringa</i>	<i>pekinensis</i>	'Morton'	🌳			🌳	🌳		🌳	🌳	GD	GD	GD
Ivory Silk Japanese Tree Lilac	<i>Syringa</i>	<i>reticulata ssp. reticulata</i>	'Ivory Silk'	🌳	🌳		🌳	🌳	🌳		🌳	GD	GD	GD

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Summer Snow Japanese Tree lilac	<i>Syringa</i>	<i>reticulata ssp. reticulata</i>	'Summer Snow'	🌳	🌳	🌳	🌳	🌳	🌳	🌳	🌳	LTD	GD	GD
Baldcypress	<i>Taxodium</i>	<i>distichum</i>		🌳	🌳	🌳	🌳	🌳	🌳	🌳	🌳	GD	GD	GD
Shawnee Brave Baldcypress	<i>Taxodium</i>	<i>distichum</i>	'Shawnee Brave'	🌳	🌳	🌳	🌳	🌳	🌳	🌳	🌳	GD	GD	GD
American Linden	<i>Tilia</i>	<i>americana</i>		🌳			🌳					AV	GD	GD
American Sentry Linden	<i>Tilia</i>	<i>americana</i>	'American Sentry'	🌳		🌳	🌳				🌳	GD	GD	GD
Boulevard Linden	<i>Tilia</i>	<i>americana</i>	'Boulevard'	🌳		🌳	🌳				🌳	LTD	GD	GD
White basswood	<i>Tilia</i>	<i>americana</i>	var. heterophylla	🌳			🌳				🌳	VLTD	GD	GD
Redmond Linden	<i>Tilia</i>	<i>americana</i>	'Redmond'	🌳		🌳	🌳				🌳	GD	GD	GD
Legend™ Linden	<i>Tilia</i>	<i>americana</i>	'Wandell'	🌳		🌳	🌳				🌳	LTD	GD	GD
Glenleven littleleaf linden	<i>Tilia</i>	<i>cordata</i>	'Glenleven'	🌳		🌳	🌳				🌳	GD	GD	GD
Golden cascade linden	<i>Tilia</i>	<i>cordata</i>	'Golden cascade'	🌳			🌳				🌳	LTD	GD	GD
Littleleaf linden	<i>Tilia</i>	<i>cordata</i>		🌳		🌳	🌳				🌳	GD	GD	GD
Norlin® linden	<i>Tilia</i>	<i>cordata</i>	'Norlin'	🌳			🌳				🌳	LTD	GD	GD
Harvest gold® linden	<i>Tilia</i>	<i>mongolica</i>	'Harvest gold'	🌳			🌳				🌳	VLTD	GD	GD
Bigleaf Linden	<i>Tilia</i>	<i>platyphyllos</i>		🌳			🌳				🌳	LTD	GD	GD
Green Mountain® Silver Linden	<i>Tilia</i>	<i>tomentosa</i>	PNI 6051	🌳		🌳	🌳				🌳	VLTD	GD	GD
Sterling Silver™ Silver Linden	<i>Tilia</i>	<i>tomentosa</i>	'Sterling'	🌳			🌳				🌳	LTD	GD	GD
Crimean linden	<i>Tilia</i>	<i>x euchlora</i>		🌳			🌳				🌳	VLTD	GD	GD
Eastern Arborvitae	<i>Thuja</i>	<i>occidentalis</i>					🌳				🌳	GD	GD	GD
Valley forge Elm	<i>Ulmus</i>	<i>americana</i>	'Valley Forge'	🌳	🌳							AV	GD	GD
Princeton Elm	<i>Ulmus</i>	<i>americana</i>	'Princeton'	🌳	🌳		🌳					AV	GD	GD
Discovery Elm	<i>Ulmus</i>	<i> davidiana</i>	var. Japonica 'Discovery'	🌳	🌳		🌳		🌳			LTD	GD	GD
Accolade® Elm	<i>Ulmus</i>	<i>japonica x wilsoniana</i>	'Morton'	🌳	🌳	🌳	🌳		🌳			AV	GD	GD
Patriot Elm	<i>Ulmus</i>	<i>wilsoniana</i>	'Patriot'	🌳	🌳	🌳	🌳		🌳			AV	GD	GD
Prospector Wilson's Elm	<i>Ulmus</i>	<i>wilsoniana</i>	'Prospector'	🌳	🌳	🌳	🌳		🌳			AV	GD	GD
Commendation™ Elm	<i>Ulmus</i>	<i>carpinifolia</i>	'Morton Stalwart'	🌳	🌳	🌳	🌳		🌳			AV	GD	GD
Regal Elm	<i>Ulmus</i>	<i>carpinifolia</i>	'Regal'	🌳	🌳	🌳	🌳					AV	GD	GD
Triumph™ Elm	<i>Ulmus</i>		'Morton Glossy'	🌳	🌳	🌳	🌳					GD	GD	GD
Nannyberry	<i>Viburnum</i>	<i>lentago</i>					🌳	🌳			🌳	AV	GD	GD
Blackhaw	<i>Viburnum</i>	<i>prunifolium</i>					🌳	🌳			🌳	AV	GD	GD
Village Green Japanese Zelkova	<i>Zelkova</i>	<i>serrata</i>	'Musashino'	🌳	🌳	🌳	🌳		🌳	🌳	🌳	LTD	AV	AV
Village Green Japanese Zelkova	<i>Zelkova</i>	<i>serrata</i>	'Village Green'	🌳	🌳	🌳	🌳		🌳	🌳	🌳	LTD	AV	AV

**** These species may be invasive and should not be planted in or adjacent to naturalized areas.**

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