

URI / NEW HAVEN - Approved Trees for Planting in the Public Right of Way

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Small Size Trees - Suitable for planting under utility wires

Street Tree	Sun Requirements	Showy Fall Color (foliage)	Particularly Good for Native Birds & Insects	Showy Flowers	North America Native (*native to Northeast)	Notes
Amur maackia	Full sun	No	No	Yes	No	Very hardy. Good for dense, urban sites.
Cherry	Full sun	Varies	Yes	Yes	No	
Crabapple	Full sun	Varies	Yes	Yes	No	
Dogwood, Cornelian cherry	Full sun, Part shade	Yes (red)	No	Yes	No	
Dogwood, Eastern flowering	Part shade, Full shade	Yes (purple, red)	No	Yes	Yes*	
Dogwood, Kousa	Full sun, Part shade	Yes (purple, red)	No	Yes	No	
Hawthorn	Full sun	Yes (purple, red, orange, yellow)	Yes	Yes	Yes*	
Hornbeam, American	Full sun, Part shade, Full shade	Yes (red, orange, yellow)	No	No	Yes*	
Japanese tree lilac	Full sun, Part shade	Yes (yellow)	No	Yes	No	Very hardy. Good for dense, urban sites.
Maple, trident	Full sun, Part shade	Yes (red, orange, yellow)	No	No	No	
Parrotia, Persian	Full sun	Yes (red, orange, yellow)	No	No	NO	
Redbud, Eastern	Part shade, Full shade	Yes (yellow)	No	Yes	Yes*	
Serviceberry	Full sun, Part shade, Full shade	Yes (red, orange)	Yes	Yes	Yes*	

Medium Size Trees - SOMETIMES suitable for planting under high utility wires (case-by-case basis)

Street Tree	Sun Requirements	Showy Fall Color (foliage)	Particularly Good for Native Birds & Insects	Showy Flowers	North America Native (*native to Northeast)	Notes
Black gum	Full sun, Part shade	Yes (red, orange, yellow)	No	No	Yes*	
Elm, lacebark	Full sun, Part shade, Full shade	Yes (orange, yellow)	No	No	No	Very hardy. Good for dense, urban sites.
Goldenrain tree	Full sun	Yes (yellow)	No	Yes	No	
Hophornbeam	Full sun, Part shade, Full shade	Yes (yellow)	No	No	Yes*	
Maple, miyabei	Full sun, Part shade	Yes (yellow)	No	No	No	
Pagoda tree	Full sun	No	No	Yes	No	
Turkish filbert	Full sun	No	No	No	No	
Yellowwood	Full sun	Yes (orange, yellow)	No	Yes	Yes	Best for large curb strips, front yard offsets, and parks
Zelkova	Full sun	Yes (red, orange, yellow)	No	No	No	Very hardy. Good for dense, urban sites.

Large Size Trees - NOT suitable for planting under utility wires

Street Tree	Sun Requirements	Showy Fall Color (foliage)	Particularly Good for Native Birds & Insects	Showy Flowers	North America Native (*native to Northeast)	Notes
Baldcypress	Full sun	Yes (orange, brown)	No	No	Yes	Best for large curb strips, front yard offsets, and parks
Buckeye, yellow	Full sun, Part shade	Yes (orange, yellow)	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Elm, American	Full sun, Part shade	Yes (yellow)	Yes	No	Yes*	
Elm, Morton	Full sun, Part shade	Yes (yellow)	No	No	No	

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Ginkgo	Full sun	Yes (yellow)	No	No	No	
Hackberry	Full sun, Part shade	Yes (yellow)	Yes	No	Yes*	
Hardy rubber tree	Full sun	No	No	No	No	
Honeylocust	Full sun	Yes (yellow)	No	No	Yes	Very hardy. Good for dense, urban sites.
Horsechestnut	Full sun	Yes (yellow)	No	Yes	No	Best for large curb strips, front yard offsets, and parks
Katsura tree	Full sun, Part shade	Yes (orange, yellow)	No	No	No	
Kentucky coffee tree	Full sun	Yes (yellow)	No	No	Yes	Best for large curb strips, front yard offsets, and parks
Linden, American	Full sun, Part shade	Yes (yellow)	Yes	No	Yes*	
Linden, littleleaf	Full sun	Yes (yellow)	No	No	No	
Linden, silver	Full sun	Yes (yellow)	No	No	No	
Maple, red	Full sun, Part shade	Yes (red, orange, yellow)	Yes	Yes	Yes*	
Maple, sugar	Full sun, Part shade	Yes (red, orange, yellow)	Yes	No	Yes*	Best for large curb strips, front yard offsets, and parks
Oak, chestnut	Full sun	Yes (yellow, brown)	Yes	No	Yes*	
Oak, English	Full sun	Yes (brown)	Yes	No	Yes*	
Oak, pin	Full sun	Yes (brown)	Yes	No	Yes*	
Oak, red	Full sun	Yes (red, brown)	Yes	No	Yes*	
Oak, scarlet	Full sun	Yes (red, brown)	Yes	No	Yes*	
Oak, swamp white	Full sun	Yes (yellow, brown)	Yes	No	Yes*	
Oak, white	Full sun	Yes (red, brown)	Yes	No	Yes*	
Planetree, London	Full sun	No	No	No	No	

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Sweetgum	Full sun, Part shade	Yes (purple, red, orange)	No	No	Yes*	
Tuliptree	Full sun	Yes (yellow)	Yes	Yes	Yes*	Best for large curb strips, front yard offsets, and parks