



City of Joliet's Approved Trees For The Parkway For All Residential, Commercial, and Business Developments (A Permit is Required to Plant in the City Parkway)

**ABSOLUTELY
NO ASH OR ORNAMENTAL PEAR TREE PLANTING PERMITTED IN THE
CITY PARKWAY**

Considering all factors affecting street trees, it takes a strong, adaptable plant to endure today's environmental stresses and survive in reasonably good condition. The following trees have proven durable and functional in appearance, structural strength, pest resistance, adaptability to inhospitable soils, and resistance to storm and mechanical damage. They also require minimal pruning to keep them visually and structurally sound. Barring unforeseen circumstances, they can be expected to live 30 to 40 years or more. Most importantly, they are commercially available in landscape size and generally at reasonable prices.

SHADE TREES:

AMERICAN LINDEN: (*Tilia americana*) -- Mature height of 60 feet, medium growth rate, and yellow fall color. Tolerant of urban conditions.

AUTUMN BLAZE MAPLE: (*Acer x fremanii*) – Cross between Silver and Red Maple. Mature height of 80 feet. Blend of Red, Orange, Yellow and Green fall color, fast growing. Seedless, adapts well to urban conditions.

BUR OAK: (*Quercus macrocarpa*) -- Large tree. Medium to slow growing, very sturdy, long lived tree. Eventually 60 plus feet tall with an equal spread. Native to Illinois.

CHINKAPIN OAK: (*Quercus muehlenbergii*) – Height and spread 45'. A durable and adaptable oak with handsome glossy foliage.

GINKGO (MALE): (*Ginkgo biloba*) -- Approximate mature height of 60 feet. Pyramidal in form, unique fan shaped leaves on ascending branches that turn yellow in the fall. Slow growth. Very resistant to insects, diseases and city conditions.

HACKBERRY: (*Celtis occidentalis*) -- Approximate mature height of 60 plus feet. Fairly free of disease and insect pests. Elm-like leaves turn yellow in fall. Medium growth.

HONEYLOCUST (THORNLESS): (*Gleditsia triacanthos* ‘inermis’) -- Approximate mature height of 50 feet with a spread of 40 feet, somewhat vase shaped. Foliage is fine textured with small leaflets, which turn yellow in fall. Very tolerant of urban conditions, salt and pollution.

HYBRID ELM: (*Ulmus* species) – Many varieties are available that are resistant to Dutch Elm Disease (Homestead, Pioneer, Regal). Mature height of 60 feet, vase shaped, with yellow fall color. Fast growing and very adaptable to urban conditions.

KENTUCKY COFFEE TREE (MALE): (*Gymnocladus dioicus*) -- Mature height to 60 feet. Compound leaves, interesting bark and form, few pests, tolerant of urban soils and conditions (Plant seedless male varieties if available.)

LITTLE LEAF LINDEN: (*Tilia cordata*) – Many varieties available. Approximate mature height of 50 feet. Dense pyramidal form with compact glossy foliage. Unusual fragrant flowers in early July. Medium growth, yellow fall color.

NORWAY MAPLE: (*Acer plantanoides*) -- Many varieties available including ‘Crimson King’ which has maroon leaves. Tolerant of urban conditions. Grows to a height of 50 feet with dark green or maroon leaves.

RED MAPLE: (*Acer rubrum*) -- Many varieties available. Approximate mature height of 40 feet. Red, and occasionally yellow and orange leaves in the fall. Red flowers in spring. Medium growth. Requires good soil conditions for best growth.

RED OAK: (*Quercus rubra*) -- Basically pyramidal in form, native to this area and soil. Foliage is dark glossy green in summer. Leaves turn red to brown on fall. Mature height of 60 feet, medium growth rate. Requires good soil conditions.

STATE STREET MAPLE: (*Acer miyabei*) – Mature height 50’ , 35’ Spread with a yellow fall color. Excellent drought and cold tolerance and clean, pest free foliage.

SWAMP WHITE OAK: (*Quercus bicolor*) – Mature height of 60 feet. Medium growth. Native to Illinois, tolerates road salts and poorly drained soil. Yellow to brown fall color.

SUGAR MAPLE: (*Acer saccharum*) -- Mature height to 60 feet. Excellent fall color, medium growth rate. ‘Green Mountain’ cultivar preferred; better suited for urban conditions and clay soils of our region.

ZELKOVA: (*Zelkova serrata*) -- Medium sized tree; interesting bark and fall color. Similar to Elm tree in leaf and form. Resistant to Dutch Elm Disease. Mature height of 50 feet, medium growth.

ORNAMENTAL TREES (Only Under Power Lines):

Crabapple (call for disease resistant varieties), Trident Maple, Tatarian Maple, Autumn Brilliance & Snowcloud Serviceberry, Thornless Hawthorn. NO PEAR

OTHER SPECIES MAY BE APPROVED SUCH AS:

ALDER, BALD CYPRESS, BEECH, BLACK WALNUT, CATALPA, DAWN REDWOOD, HARDY RUBBER TREE, HICKORY SPECIES, AMERICAN HOPHORNBEAM (IRONWOOD), EUROPEAN HORNBEAM, KATSURA, LARCH, LONDON PLANE TREE,

CHESTNUT OAK, SHINGLE OAK, WHITE OAK, ENGLISH OAK, SWEETGUM,
SYCAMORE, TULIP TREE, TURKISH FILBERT AMERICAN YELLOW WOOD.

SPECIES NOT APPROVED:

Any variety of Ash, Silver Maple, Poplar, Willow, Ailanthus (Tree of Heaven), any species of Evergreen Conifer, any species of Hawthorn (unless thornless), Elm (unless disease resistant), Pin Oak, or Boxelder. Ornamental Pear Trees are not permitted due to their poor branching habit.