



Town of Huntersville

Approved Tree and
Shrub List

Huntersville Tree List

TREES								
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LARGE MATURING DECIDUOUS								
Acer rubrum, Red Maple	F	40'- 25'- 60' 35'					X	Valuable shade tree with beautiful color. Easily transplanted. Long lived.
Acer succharinum, Sugar Maple	S	50'- 30'- 75' 40'					X	Excellent fall color. Young trees susceptible to sun scaled if not protected. Good Soils.
Betula nigra, River Birch	F	40'- 70'						Subject to drought problems. Grows well on high or low ground. Multi trunk.
Carpinus caroliniana, American Hornbeam	S	20- 15- 30 20		X			X	Permitted in TC zoning district only within 500' of Town Hall.
Carya illinoensis, Pecan	M	60' 30'- 100 40'		X				Used as shade tree in parks. Young trees very susceptible to sun scaled. Litters
Celtis occidentalis, Common Hackberry	M- F	40'- 35'- 55' 50'					X	Grows well in adverse conditions. Can develop witch's broom.
Fagus grandifolia, Beech	S	60'- 40'- 80' 60'						Dense shade which does not produce undergrowth. Strong, long lived.
Fraxinus americana, White Ash	M	60'- 50'- 80' 70'					X	Resists heat and drought well. Survives well in severe exposures.
Fraxinus pennsylvanica, Green Ash	F	50'- 50'- 80' 70'					X	Do not plant in heavy clay soil.
Ginkgo biloba, Ginkgo	S	40'- 20'- 70' 40'					X	Plant grafted male only, pest free, tolerates pollution.
Liquidambar styraciflua, Sweet-Gum	S- M	60'- 50'- 100 75'					X	Fruit is not a problem with species-Rotundiloba. Good for shade, symmetrical.
Liriodendron tulipifera, Tulip-Poplar	M- F	60'- 30'- 150 40'					X	Stately tree valued for flowers and foliage. Needs lots of space, good soil.
Nyssa sylvatica, Black Gum	M	40'- 20'- 60' 30'						Gorgeous fall color, long lived, difficult to transplant.
Platanus x acerifolia, London Plane-Tree	F	70'- 50'- 100 70'					X	Withstands harsh city conditions. Very long lived, valuable for streets. Some litter

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<i>Platanus occidentalis</i> , Sycamore LARGE MATURING Continued	F	70'-100'	60'-80'	X			X	Withstands severe conditions and city atmosphere, some litter.
<i>Quercus acutissima</i> , Sawtooth Oak	M- F	35'-45'	35'-50'				X	Holds leaves in winter, drops lots of nuts, toughest of oaks.
<i>Quercus alba</i> , White Oak	S	60'-100'	50'-90'				X	May hold leaves, very long lived, very difficult to transplant.
<i>Quercus coccinea</i> , Scarlet Oak	F	60'-80'	40'-50'				X	Excellent for shade and street tree, pleasing fall color, hard to transplant.
<i>Quercus Falcata</i> , Southern Red Oak	M- F	70'-80'					X	
<i>Quercus laurifolia</i> , Laurel Oak	M- F	60'-80'						Semi-evergreen leaves, use variety-Darlington
<i>Quercus nigra</i> , Water Oak	M- F	50'-75'	30'-40'					Easily transplanted, drooping branches limit use as shade tree.
<i>Quercus palustris</i> , Pin Oak	F	60'-80'	40'-50'					Lower branches block visibility, holds leaves in winter, easily transplanted.
<i>Quercus phellos</i> , Willow Oak	M- F	60'-80'	30'-40'				X	Majestic tree, excellent shade, easily transplanted
<i>Quercus rubra maxima</i> , Eastern Red Oak	F	50'-70'	40'-60'				X	Withstands most city conditions, valued for rapid growth, transplants easily.
<i>Quercus shumardii</i> , Shumard Oak	M- F	40'-80'					X	Good dark red fall color.
<i>Quercus velutina</i> , Black Oak	S- M	60'-80'	30'-60'					One of the largest growing oaks, excellent shade tree, difficult to transplant
<i>Sophora japonica</i> , Japanese Pagoda Tree	F	50'-70'					X	Light foliage permits adequate turf growth. May develop cankers which can girdle limb
<i>Taxodium distichum</i> , Bald Cypress	S	50'-100'	20'-30'				X	Often used for poorly drained sites but grows well in average soil.
<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i> , Lacebark Elm	M	40'-50'					X	Resistant to Dutch Elm disease.
<i>Zelkova serrata</i> , Japanese Zelkova	M- F						X	Excellent shade tree.

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LARGE MATURING EVERGREEN								
Cedrus deodora, Deodar Cedar	F	40'-30'- 50' 40'						Subject to winter injury up to age 15 yrs. Lower limbs should touch ground.
Cupressocyparis leylandii, Leyland Cypress	F	60'-12'- 70' 17'						Maintains good shape, excellent screening
Juniperus virginiana, Eastern Red Cedar	S	40'-8'- 50' 20'						Widely used for screening, windbreaks, and hedges.
Magnolia grandiflora, Southern Magnolia	M- F	40'-25'- 60' 30'						Allow branches to touch ground to hide litter of leaves, flowers, and fruit.
Pinus nigra, Austrian Pine	M	50'- 60'						Tolerates city conditions.
Pinus taeda, Loblolly Pine	F	70'-30'- 90' 40'						Tolerates poor soil and severe exposures, Difficult to transplant when taller than 4ft.
Pinus thunbergiana, Japanese Black Pine	S- M	50'- 70' 25'						Excellent screen spaced 4 to 6 feet apart
Pinus virginiana, Virginia Pine	M	15'- 40'						Susceptible to pine beetles if not kept healthy.
Quercus laurifolia, Laurel Oak	S	40'-30'- 60' 40'					X	Frequently used as street tree; excellent specimen.
Quercus virginiana, Live Oak	S	30'-30'- 50' 50'						Magnificent and long lived.
Tsugu canadensis, Canadian Hemlock	F	30'-15'- 80' 30'						Useful in cool shade and on north slopes in moist soil.

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SMALL MATURING								
DECIDUOUS-FLOWERING								
Amelanchier arborea, Serviceberry	M	10'- 8'- 20- 15'	T- D					Blooms just before Dogwood. Native to mountains of the Southeast.
Cercis canadensis, Eastern Redbud	S- M	20'- 12'- 30' 25'	T- D				X	Does well in full sun. Very drought resistant.
Cornus florida, Flowering Dogwood	M	15'- 15'- 30' 20'	T- D					Needs partial shade; good soils preferred.
Cornus Kousa, Kousa Dogwood	M	10'- 15' 10'	T- D					Blooms after leaves appear. More hardy than Flowering Dogwood.
Crataegus phaenopyrum, Washington Hawthorne	S- M	25'- 30'		D				Attractive fruit.
Halesia carolina, Carolina Silverbell	S- M	20'- 40' 20'						Good drainage; no pruning; no pest problems.
Koelreuteria paniculata, Golden Rain-Tree	M- F	20'- 15'- 30' 20'		D			X	Best used in groups; withstands city condition; short lived.
Lagerstroemia indica, Crape-Myrtle	M	15'- 5'- 25' 15'		D			X	Decorative and effective throughout the year. Best variety: Natchez
Magnolia soulangiana, Saucer Magnolia	M	15'- 15'- 25' 25'		D				Select late blooming to avoid freeze damage.
Malus hybrida, Flowering Crab Apple	M	15'- 10'- 25' 20'		D				Best varieties: Centurion, Snowdrift, Zumi.
Prunus cerasifera "Pissardii", Purpleleaf Plum	M- F	15'- 30'		D				Remains purple; produces fruit.
Prunus serrulata kwanzan, Kwanzan Cherry	S	20'- 25'		D			X	Good soils preferred.
Prunus yedoensis, Yoshino Cherry	F	20'- 20'- 40' 30'		D			X	Excellent floral display; 15-20 year life span
Pyrus calleryana, Aristocrat Pear	F	30'- 20'- 40' 30'					X	Very tolerant; best limb structure.

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Dediduous-Flowering								
<i>Pyrus calleryana, Capital Pear</i>	F	30'-40'	20'-30'					Very tolerant; most columnar.
<i>Pyrus calleryana, Redspire Pear</i>	F	30'-40'	20'-30'					Loose pyramidal form, yellow fall foliage.
SMALL MATURING Continued								
NON-FLOWERING								
<i>Acer buergeranum, Trident Maple</i>	M	25'-30'	20'-30'	T-D			X	Attractive urban tree with good foliage, form and fall color, good structural strength
<i>Acer campestre, Hedge Maple</i>	S	15'-35'		D			X	
<i>Acer ginnala, Amur Maple</i>	M	15'-20'	18'-20'	T-D			X	Tolerant of heavy pruning and may be used as hedge. Minimum maintenance.
<i>Acer palmatum, Japanese Maple</i>	S	15'-25'						High fertility with high organic content.
<i>Carpinus betulus, European Hornbeam</i>	S	40'-60'		D			X	Pest free; tolerates city conditions.
<i>Carpinus caroliniana, American Hornbeam</i>	S	20'-30'	15'-20'	D			X	Very slow growth; excellent under power lines; tolerates city conditions.
<i>Ulmus parvifolia, Chinese Elm</i>	M	30'-40'	25'-30'				X	Superior tree for any situation; tough; durable; tolerates drought
EVERGREEN								
<i>Ilex attenuata "Foster", Foster Holly</i>	M-F	20'-30'	7'-10'	D				Tolerates city conditions. Heavy fruit production.

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<i>Ilex attenuata</i> " Savannah", Savannah Holly	F	20'- 8'- 30' 15'		T- D				Requires heavy fertilization for good leaf color.
<i>Ilex</i> "Nellie R. Stevens", Nellie Stevens Holly EVERGREEN continued	F	15'- 10'- 25' 15'						Vigorous and drought resistant. Glossy dark green with bright red fruit.
<i>Ilex opaca</i> , American Holly	S	15'- 10'- 30' 20'						Foliage sometimes disfigured by winter sun. Fruit production best in full sun.
<i>Pinus nigra</i> , Virginia Pine	S	20'- 10'- 40' 30'						Will grow on windswept, dry, open sites. Good cover for difficult areas.
<i>Prunus caroliniana</i> , Carolina Cherry Laurel	F	20'- 15'- 30' 20'						Grown primarily for excellent foilage; forms good windbreak.
END								END
Landscaping Bonds Amounts - Prices last updated May 14, 1999.								
Large maturing tree						2"	=	\$235.00 each
Small maturing tree						2"	=	\$165.00 each
Shrubs						36"	=	\$45.00 per 7 Gallon
								\$18.00 per 3 Gallon
Gallon size not considered for inspection. Approval is dependant upon shrub height.								

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EVERGREEN (4-6FT)							
<i>Abelia grandiflora</i> , Glossy Abelia	M	4'-6'	3'-5'	X	X		Less expensive than most evergreens. Leaves drop from low temp., lack of pruning.
<i>Azalea hybrida</i> , Glen Dale Azalea	M	4'-6'	3'-4'		P	X	Somewhat more cold hardy than kurume azalea.
<i>Azalea kaempferi</i> , Kaempferi Azalea	M	4'-6'	4'-6'		P	X	One of the hardiest evergreen azaleas. Blooms late enough to escape frost.
<i>Berberis julianae</i> , Wintergreen Barberry	S	4'-6'	2'-5'	X	P		No pruning or pest problems. Impenetrable because of thorns.
<i>Euonymus kiautschowicus</i> , Spreading Euonymus	F	4'-6'	4'-6'	X	X		May be trained as vine on walls or fences; climbs by aerial roots.
<i>Ilex cornuta</i> "Burfordii Nana", Dwarf Burford Holly	M	4'-6'	4'-6'	X	P	X	Versatile and dependable as hedge, background barrier.
<i>Ilex crenata</i> "convexa", Convexa Japanese Holly	M	4'-6'	3'-5'	X	X		Good substitute for boxwoods and may be developed into formal and informal hedge.
<i>Ilex crenata</i> "Hetzi", Hetzi Japanese Holly	M	4'-6'	5'-7'	X	X		Vigorous spreading habit of growth.
<i>Ilex crenata</i> "Rotundifolia", Roundleaf Japanese Holly	M	4'-6'	4'-6'	X	X		Withstands city conditions well, requiring minimum care when established.
<i>Juniperus chinensis</i> "Pfitzeriana", Pfitzer Juniper	F	5'-7'	8'-10'	X			Best used in broad masses in large scale areas.
<i>Mahonia bealei</i> , Leatherleaf Mahonia	S	5'-6'	3'-4'		P		Very dependable for use in shrub borders. Winter burn if grown in sun.
<i>Nandina domestica</i> , Nandina	M	4'-6'	2'-3'	X	P	X	Interesting if used as facer shrub or planted in groups. Not a good screen shrub.
<i>Pieris japonica</i> , Japanese Andromeda	S	4'-6'	4'-6'		P	X	Very beautiful and graceful, early-blooming shrub. Not a good screen shrub.
<i>Prunus laurocerasus angustifolia</i> , Narrow Leaved English Laurel	M	4'-6'	5'-6'	X	X		Excellent for contemporary design. Adapts well to city conditions.
<i>Raphiolepis umbellata</i> , Yeddo-Hawthorn	S	4'-6'	6'	X	P		Fairly drought resistant. Has white flower and blue-black fruit.

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Rhododendron hybrida, Hybrid Rhododendron	S- M	4'- 6'	3'- 5'	X	P		Grows well under pines or oaks. When established needs little care.
Taxus cuspidata, Japanese Yew	S	4'- 6'	5'- 7'		X		Grows in a variety of soils and tolerates poor growing conditions. Thrives in cool, moist soil.
Viburnum rhytidophyllum, Leatherleaf Viburnum	M	4'- 6'	4'- 6'	X	X		
Viburnum seuspensum, Sandankwa Viburnum DECIDUOUS (4-6 FT)	M	4'- 6'	4'- 6'	X	X		No pruning necessary, no pest problems.
Berberis mentorensis, Mentor Barberry	M- F	4'- 6'	5'- 7'	X	P		Requires no pruning or maintenance and withstands heat and drought.
Chaenomeles speciosa, Flowering Quince	F	5'- 6'	5'- 6'	X	P		Blends well with other plants, excellent foilage color. Often evergreen in warm places.
Hydrangea quercifolia, Oakleaf Hydrangea	F	4'- 6'	3'- 5'		P		Excellent flowers and fall foilage colors.
Spiraea cantoniensis, Reeves Spirea EVERGREEN (6-12 FT)	F	4'- 6'	3'- 5'	X	P		Best spirea in Southeast. Easily transplanted. Almost evergreen in warm places.
Azalea indica, Indian Azalea	M	6'- 12'	6'- 8'	X	X		Best in Coastal Plain and warmer parts of Piedmont. Requires mulch.
Camellia japonica, Camellia	F	7'- 12'	5'- 7'		P		Plant on northern exposure if in full sun. Requires protection from winter wind.
Cleyera japonica, Cleyera	M	8'- 10'	5'- 6'		P		Highly shade tolerant; withstands city conditions.
Cotoneaster franchetii, Franchet Cotoneaster	M	6'- 10'	6'- 8'	X	P		Elegant gray foilage effect for sunny situations.
Elaeagnus pungens, Thorny Elaeagnus	F	8'- 11'	6'- 10'	X			One of few plants having winter flowering and spring fruiting.
Euonymous japonica, Evergreen Euonymous	F	6'- 7'	3'- 5'	X	X		Prevention and control of insects and disease limits desirability.
Ilex aquifolium, English Holly	S	8'- 12'	7'- 12'	X	P		Both male and female plants necessary for fruiting.
Ilex cornuta, Chinese Holly	M	8'- 10'	5'- 7'	X	P		Some difficulty when transplanting. Ragged appearance when sheared.

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<i>Ilex cornuta</i> "Burfordii", Burford Holly	F	8'- 15'	6'- 8'	X	P		Widely used in landscaping. Attractive as multi-stem small tree.
<i>Ilex crenata</i> , Japanese Holly	S	10'- 12'	3'- 5'	X	P		Male and female plants necessary to produce berries.
<i>Ilex glabra</i> , Inkberry Holly	S- M	6'- 9'	4'- 7'	X	X		Male plants have best winter color.
<i>Ilex latifolia</i> , Lusterleaf Holly	M	8'- 12'	7'- 11'		P		No pest problems. Small tree at maturity.
<i>Ilex</i> "Little Red", Little Red Holly	M	10'	6'				More cold hardy than "Dwarf Burford Holly".
<i>Ilex pernyi</i> , Perny Holly	S	9'- 12'	4'- 6'	X	P		Taller growing than many hollies. Valued for showy red fruit.
<i>Ilex vomitoria</i> ,	S- M	5'- 15'	6'- 12'	X	X		Highly versatile shrub or small tree which adapts to most adverse conditions.
<i>Juniperus chinensis</i> "Hetzii", Hetzi Juniper	F	10'- 12'	10'- 12'	X			Tolerates worst city conditions. Useful as hedge or windbreak.
<i>Juniperus chinensis</i> "Kaizuka", Hollywood Juniper	F	10'- 12'	6'- 8'	X			Exotic in appearance.
<i>Laurus nobilis</i> , Laurel	M	10'- 12'	8'- 10'	X			Often used as screen or informal hedge.
<i>Ligustrum japonicum</i> , Japanese Privet	F	6'- 10'	5'- 6'	X	X	X	Adapted to adverse conditions of drought, heat, cold, and salt spray.
<i>Ligustrum lucidum</i> , Tall Glossy Privet	F	8'- 12'	5'- 10'	X	X		Does well in adverse conditions. Excellent as fall screen or windbreak.
<i>Loropetalum chinese</i> , Loropetalum	F	6'- 10'	8'- 9'	X	P		Showy flowers in early spring.
<i>Myrica cerifera</i> , Wax-Myrtle	F	10'- 12'	8'- 10'	X	P		Will thrive in practically any situation.
<i>Osmanthus fortunei</i> , Fortune Tea Olive	M	9'- 12'	5'- 7'	X			Excellent in large borders and screens or as clipped hedge.
<i>Osmanthus fragrans</i> , Fragrant Tea Olive	M	9'- 12'	5'- 7'	X	P		Less hardy than Fortune Tea Olive. Delightful fragrance.
<i>Osmanthus heterophyllus</i> , Holly Osmanthus	M	6'- 10'	3'- 5'	X	P		No necessary pruning; no pest problems.

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Osmanthus heterophyllus "Rotundifolius", Curlyleaf Tea Olive	M	6'-10'	6'	X	P		Excellent holly substitute.
Photinia serrulata, Chinese Photinia	F	7'-12'	5'-12'	X			Susceptible to mildew. Container grown stock easier to transplant.
Podocarpus macrophyllus maki, Podocarpus	S	8'-10'	3'-5'	X	X		Withstands city conditions.
Prunus laurocerasus, English Laurel	M	10'-12'	8'-11'	X	X		Sometimes has scorched foliage appearance, especially in winter.
Thuja orientalis, Oriental Arborvitae	S-M	10'-12'	8'-10'	X			For screen or hedge or as background for contrasting broadleaf evergreen.
Viburnum tinus, Laurestinus Viburnum DECIDUOUS (6-12 FT)	M	10'-12'	10'-12'	X	P		Valuable evergreen for barrier, specimen, clipped or unclipped hedge.
Euonymus alatus, Winged Euonymus	M	5'-8'	3'-5'	X	P		Grown for flamboyant fall color and interesting twig structure in winter.
Forsythia x intermedia, Border Forsythia	F	8'-10'	7'-10'	X			Good foliage mass but most beautiful in bloom. Withstands city conditions, transplants well.
Hamamelis virginiana, Common Witch-Hazel	M-F	8'-15'	7'-14'	X	X		Excellent for naturalizing in shady areas. Blooms after leaves have fallen.
Magnolia stellata, Star Magnolia	S	10'-12'	8'-10'	X			Will not tolerate shade. Best with darker background to set off bloom.
Spiraea prunifolia 'Plena', Bridalwreath Spirea	F	5'-7'	3'-5'	X	X		Valuable shrub for flowers, foliage and fall color.
Spiraea x vanhouttei, Vanhoutte Spirea	F	5'-7'	4'-6'	X	X		Valued for form and flowers. Probably most popular of all spireas.