

Approved Trees for Streets

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A **NO-COST PERMIT** is required to plant trees on the City right-of-way prior to planting. Please contact Community Forestry at (402)441-7847 ext. 0, or forestry@lincoln.ne.gov, or visit the city website at lincoln.ne.gov keyword: forestry

Trees Organized by Size/Shape

Large Trees (>40ft)	Height	Width	Primary Shape	Color	Nativity	Notes
Black Gum	50	30	broad	Yellow-Orange(F)	US native	With Prior Approval
Catalpa, Northern	60	40	pyramidal,irregular	White Flwrs(S) Yellow(F)	NE native	
Elm, Accolade	70	60	vase	Yellow (F)	US native	
Elm, Allee	60	45	vase	Yellow (F)		
Elm, Cathedral	50	50	vase	Yellow (F)	US native	
Elm, Discovery	45	35	vase	Yellow (F)		
Elm, New Harmony	50	50	vase	Yellow (F)	US native	
Elm, New Horizon	40	25	pyramidal	Yellow (F)	US native	
Elm, Pioneer	50	50	round	Yellow (F)	US native	
Elm, Prospector	50	40	vase	Yellow (F)		
Elm, Triumph	55	45	vase	Yellow (F)		
Elm, Valley Forge	70	60	vase	Yellow (F)		
Elm, Vanguard	45	40	round	Yellow (F)	US native	
Ginkgo, Autumn Gold	50	40	pyramidal	Yellow(F)		
Ginkgo, Princeton Sentry	50	25	columnar	Yellow(F)		
Ginkgo, Saratoga	50	40	pyramidal	Yellow(F)		
Ginkgo, Windover Gold	40	25	pyramidal	Yellow(F)		
Hackberry, Common	40	35	round	Yellow(F)	NE native	
Hackberry, Sugar	60	60	broad	Yellow(F)	US native	
Hickory, Bitternut	70	35	columnar	Yellow(F)	NE native	
Hickory, Shagbark	100	40	round, oval	Yellow/Golden Brown(F)	NE native	
Honeylocust, Moraine	45	40	vase	Yellow (F)	NE native	
Honeylocust, Northern Acclaim	45	35	vase	Yellow (F)	NE native	
Honeylocust, Shademaster	45	35	broad	Yellow (F)	NE native	
Honeylocust, Skyline	45	35	pyramidal	Gold (F)	NE native	
Kentucky Coffee Tree	50	40	broad	Yellow(F)	NE native	
Kentucky Coffee Tree, Espresso	50	35	broad	Yellow(F)	NE native	
Linden, American	60	40	pyramidal	White/Yellow Fwrs(S) Yellow(F)	US native	
Linden, Redmond	40	25	pyramidal	Yellow(F)	US native	
Linden, Silver	60	35	pyramidal	Yellow(F)	US native	
Linden, Greenspire	40	30	pyramidal	Yellow(F)		
London Planetree, Bloodgood	60	40	pyramidal	Yellow(F)		
London Planetree, Columbia	60	40	pyramidal	Bronze(F)		
Maple, Autumn Blaze Freeman	50	30	columnar	Red(S)	US native	Temporarily Not Approved
Maple, Autumn Spire Red	50	25	columnar	Red Flwrs(S) Red(F)	US native	Temporarily Not Approved
Maple, Black Sugar	80	40	pyramidal	Yellow/Orange/Red(F)		Temporarily Not Approved
Maple, Bonfire	50	35	round	Orange/Red(F)		Temporarily Not Approved
Maple, Burgundy Belle Red	45	30	round	Red(F)		Temporarily Not Approved
Maple, Celebration Freeman	45	25	pyramidal	Yellow(F)	US native	Temporarily Not Approved
Maple, Commemoration	50	35	round	Red/Orange(F)		Temporarily Not Approved
Maple, Fall Fiesta Sugar	60	60	round	Red/Orang/Yellow(F)		Temporarily Not Approved
Maple, Green Mountain Sugar	60	40	round	Red/Orang/Yellow(F)	US native	Temporarily Not Approved
Maple, Legacy Sugar	50	35	pyramidal	Red-Orange(F)	US native	Temporarily Not Approved
Maple, Marmo Freeman	55	45	pyramidal	Red-Orange(F)	US native	Temporarily Not Approved
Maple, Red Sunset	45	30	round	Red/Orange(F)		Temporarily Not Approved
Maple, Redpointe	45	30	pyramidal	Red	US native	Temporarily Not Approved
Maple, Sienna Glen	45	35	pyramidal	Red-Orange(F)	US native	Temporarily Not Approved
Maple, State Street Miyabe	45	35	round	Yellow(F)		Temporarily Not Approved
Maple, Table Rock Sugar	70	45	round	Red(F)	NE native	Temporarily Not Approved
Oak, Black	50	35	broad	Yellow-Brown(F)	US native	
Oak, Buckley	50	35	pyramidal	Red/Tan(F)	US native	
Oak, Burr	55	45	broad	Yellow-Brown(F)	US native	
Oak, Chestnut	60	60	round	Yellow-Brown(F)	US native	
Oak, Chinkapin	45	45	broad	Yellow-Brown(F)	US native	
Oak, Crimson Spire	40	15	columnar	Red(F)	US native	
Oak, Heritage	80	45	broad	Yellow(F)	US native	
Oak, Hills	40	35	broad	Yellow-Brown(F)	US native	
Oak, Northern Red	50	45	round	Red(F)	NE native	
Oak, Overcup	60	45	round	Yellow-Brown(F)		
Oak, Regal Prince	45	18	columnar	Yellow(F)	US native	
Oak, Scarlet	60	40	pyramidal	Scarlett(F)	NE native	

Oak, Shingle	50	50	pyramidal	Brown to RUS nativet(F)	US native	
Oak, Shumard	75	60	broad	Red(F)	US native	
Oak, Swamp White	45	45	round	Bronze-red(F)	NE native	
Oak, White	60	60	round	Bronze-red(F)	US native	
Tuliptree (Yellow Poplar)	80	40	pyramidal, oval	Yellow Flwrs(S) Yellow(F)	US native	
Turkish Filbert	60	30	pyramidal	Yellow(F)		
Yellowwood	50	50	round	White Flwrs(S) Yellow(F)	US native	
Zelkova, Greenvase	70	45	vase	Red/Copper(F)		

Medium Trees (25ft - 40ft)	Height	Width	Primary Shape	Color		Notes
Black Cherry	45	35		White Flwrs(S) Fruit(S)	NE native	
Chokecherry, Canada Red	30	20	round			
Chokecherry, Schubert	30	30	round	White Flwrs (S) Purple (F)	NE native	
Cork Tree, His Majesty	40	35	vase	White Flwrs(S) Yellow(F)		
Elm, Frontier	35	15	pyramidal	Burgundy-Purple	US native	
HoneylocUS nativet, Imperial	35	35	pyramidal	Yellow-Gold(F)	NE native	
Ironwood (Hornbeam)	30	30	round	Yellow(F)		
Maple, Green Column	40	20	columnar	Yellow(F)	US native	Temporarily Not Approved
Maple, Pacific Sunset	25	25	pyramidal	Red-Orange(F)	US native	Temporarily Not Approved
Maple, Shantung	30	30	round	Red/Orange/Purple(F)		Temporarily Not Approved
Maple, Trident	35	30	round	Red/Orange/Yellow(F)		Temporarily Not Approved
Oak, Lyrata	40	40	round	Copper(F)	US native	
Oak, Sawtooth	35	45	broad	Yellow(F)		
Ohio Buckeye	40	35	round	Yellow/Red-Brown(F)	US native	
Osage Orange, Whiteshield	35	35	round	Yellow(F)	NE native	
Raintree, Golden	40	35	round	YellowFlwrs(Summer)		

Small Trees (up to 25ft)	Height	Width	Primary Shape	Color		Notes
Crabapple, Adams	20	20	round	Pink Flwr(S)	US native	
Crabapple, Indian Magic	15	15	round	Pink Flwr(S)	US native	
Crabapple, Prairiefire	20	20	round	Pink/Red Flwr(S) Red (F)	US native	
Flowering Crabapple, Adirondack	10	6	vase	White Flwrs(S) Yellow(F)	US native	
Flowering Crabapple, Camelot	10	8	round	White/Pink Flwrs(S)	US native	
Flowering Crabapple, Centurion	20	15	round	Rose Flwrs(S) Yellow(F)	US native	
Flowering Crabapple, David	15	15	round	White Flwrs(S) Yellow(F)	US native	
Flowering Crabapple, Donald Wyman	20	20	broad	White Flwrs(S) Yellow(F)		
Flowering Crabapple, Golden Raindrop	18	12	round	Wht/Yellow Flwrs(S) Orange (F)	US native	
Flowering Crabapple, Indian Summer	20	20	round	Red Flwrs(S) Orange-Red(F)	US native	
Flowering Crabapple, Professor Springer	20	20	round	White Flwrs(S) Yellow(F)	US native	
Flowering Crabapple, Purple Prince	18	18	round	Rose Red Flwrs(S) Yellow(F)	US native	
Flowering Crabapple, Royal Raindrops	20	15	round	Pink Flwrs(S) Red-Yellow(F)	US native	
Flowering Crabapple, Sargent	8	15	broad	White Flwrs(S) Yellow(F)		
Flowering Crabapple, Sugar Tyme	18	15	round	White Flwrs(S) Yellow(F)	US native	
Flowering Crabapple, Tschonoskii	15	10	columnar	White Flwrs(S) Red(F)		
Maple, Embers Amur (single trunk)	20	15	round	Orange-Red(F)		Temporarily Not Approved
Maple, Flame Amur (single trunk)	20	20	round	Orange-Red(F)		Temporarily Not Approved
Maple, Paperbark	25	15	round	Red(F)		Temporarily Not Approved
Maple, Sun Valley Red	20	10	pyramidal	Red(F)		Temporarily Not Approved
Maple, Tartarian (single trunk)	20	20	round	Red-yellow(F)		Temporarily Not Approved
Redbud, Eastern	20	20	round	Pink Flwr(S) Yellow(F)	NE native, Northern Seed Source	
Redbud, Oklahoma	15	15	round	Pink Flwr (S)		
Serviceberry, Autumn Brilliance (ST)	25	18	round	Wht Flwr(S) Red-Orange(F)		
Serviceberry, Cole's Select (ST)	20	15	round	Wht Flwr(S) Red-Orange(F)		
Tree Lilac, Ivory Silk (single trunk)	20	15	round	White Flwr(S)		
Tree Lilac, Japanese	25	20	round	White Flwrs(S)		
Tree Lilac, Peking Japanese (single trunk)	20	15	round	White Flwr(S)		
Zelkova, Wireless	25	35	broad	Red(F)		

REQUIRED: SINGLE STEM (TRUNK) ONLY - MINIMUM TREE TRUNK SIZE IS (1) ONE INCH IN DIAMETER.

Trees may no longer be planted under power lines.

Trees that will NOT be permitted as street trees:

All Poplars, Ash, Non-Approved Elms, Silver Maple, Mulberry, Flowering Pear, Russian Olive, Willow, Tree of Heaven (Alianthus), Evergreens, Black Locust, and Box Elder.