



Selecting Trees for Tomorrow's Urban Forest

*"To exist as a nation, to prosper as a state, and to live as a people, we must have trees."
Theodore Roosevelt.*

We are proud at Spring Grove Nursery to be leading the way in helping communities grow their urban forest in a healthy & responsible manner. Planting a diverse selection of trees into the landscape will lead to an urban forest canopy that will flourish in any community for many years.

At the nursery, we have the expertise available to help communities make good choices in their new plantings. We also have a diverse & superior selection of trees from which to choose. To help communities get started, we put together a short list of trees which we like to think of as our "Grower's Choice" trees. Please note that it is important when planting new trees in your community to use no more than 10-15% of the same species in your project. Also take into consideration the existing trees already growing so that more of the same species are not over-planted. For a more extensive list of what we grow, please visit our website at www.SpringGroveNursery.com or give us a call at 815.448.2097.

"Grower's Choice" Shade Trees

* The shade trees we recommend on this list are well suited for urban conditions. They are disease & pest resistant and require minimal maintenance making them a good choice as a street tree.

- State Street Maple - *Acer miyabei* 'Morton'
- Pacific Sunset Maple - *Acer truncatum x platanoides* 'Warrensred'
- Northern Catalpa – *Catalpa speciosa*
- Hackberry - *Celtis occidentalis*
- Pyramidal European Hornbeam - *Carpinus betulus* 'Fastigiata'
- Ginkgo
- Skyline & Street Keeper Honeylocust - *Gleditsia triacanthos* 'Skycole' & 'Street Keeper'
- Kentucky Coffee Tree - *Gymnocladus dioica*
- Dawn Redwood - *Metasequoia glyptostroboides*
- Exclamation London Planetree – *Platanus x acerifolia* 'Morton Circle'
- Swamp White Oak - *Quercus bicolor*
- Chinkapin Oak - *Quercus muehlenbergii*
- Bald Cypress - *Taxodium distichum*
- Silver Linden - *Tilia tomentosa*
- Hybrid Elms (Accolade, New Horizon, Triumph, Frontier, Emerald Sunshine, & Homestead) – *Ulmus*

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"Utility Friendly" Trees

* The trees we recommend on this list will mature to 25' or less and are well suited for urban conditions. They are disease & pest resistant and require minimal maintenance.

- Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry - *Amelanchier x grandiflora* 'Autumn Brilliance'
- Spring Flurry Serviceberry – *Amelanchier laevis* 'JFS-Arb'
- Hot Wings Tatarian Maple – *Acer tataricum* 'GarAnn'
- Eastern Redbud - *Cercis canadensis*
- Paperbark Maple – *Acer griseum*
- American Hornbeam – *Carpinus caroliniana*
- Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn – *Crataegus v. inermis*
- Washington Hawthorn – *Crataegus phaenopyrum*
- Winter King Hawthorn - *Crataegus virdis* 'Winter King'
- Golden Raindrops Crabapple - *Malus*
- Royal Raindrops Crabapple - *Malus*
- Red Jewel Crabapple - *Malus*
- Spring Snow Crabapple - *Malus*
- Canada Red Chokecherry – *Prunus virginiana* 'Canada Red'
- City Sprite or Wireless Zelkova – *Zelkova serrata*
- Ivory Silk Lilac – *Syringa reticulata* 'Ivory Silk'

At www.SpringGroveNursery.com we have compiled several resources to assist in tree selection & education. Please check out these useful tools on our website:

- Photo Gallery with photos of all our trees
- Tree Resource Page with useful links
- Video Nursery Tours & Updates
- Nursery Blog with timely info on our nursery & the Green Industry
- Availability Updates – you can sign up for a monthly email newsletter too!
- CommuniTrees Partner Program in cooperation with iTrees.com – call for more details

Please contact us anytime with questions. We welcome the opportunity to partner with your community to grow your urban forest!