

Belmar's Preferred Tree-planting list for homeowners

Suggested Street Trees

(for planting between sidewalk and curb or "planting strip")

Trees must be: 2" – 2½" in diameter (caliper)

Nursery grown, Quality A grade, and free of disease and insects. Balled and burlapped (B&B) using natural fiber rope and burlap.

Newly planted trees must be watered deeply for the first 2 years. "Gator bags" may be used during the summer months for irrigation.

Trees noted with an asterisk (*) are NOT considered salt tolerant.

Smaller Trees – for locations under the utility wires

Common Name Latin/Botanical Name

Downy Serviceberry Amelanchier arborea

Serviceberry, shadblow, cumulus Amelanchier canadensis or laevis

Serviceberry, apple Amelanchier x grandiflora

Japanese lilac, ivory silk Syringa reticulata

*Carolina silverbell - Halesia tetraptera

*Eastern redbud – Cercis canadensis

Amur and Trident Maple Acer ginnala and beurgerianum

Large Trees – for locations without overhead utility wires

Common Name Latin/Botanical Name

Red maple Acer rubrum

Swamp white oak Quercus bicolor

*American basswood linden Tilia americana

Thornless honey locust Gleditsia triacanthos inermis

Kentucky coffeetree (males) Gymnocladus dioicus

Hackberry

Ginko (male only)

*American Hornbeam: *Carpinus caroliniana*

*European Hornbeam: *Carpinus betulus*

Hop Hornbeam: *Ostrya virginiana*

Golden Raintree: *Koelreuteria paniculata*

Hedge Maple: *Acer campestre*

*Dogwood: *Cornus florida*

Hawthorne: *Crataegus* spp. (various species)

Native Trees – Not for planting in the planting strip

Swamp white oak, grows large up to 100 ft and females produce acorns, plant only on private property and wide areas

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Red maple: plant only on private property and wide areas, beautiful fall color. Needs a wide area (4 feet or more) since it needs area to accommodate the roots.

Black gum grows large up to 150-60 ft, plant only on private property and wide areas

River birch: Good for parks, open areas, or landscapes, do not plant in planting strip, since it typically has multiple trunks due to its branching habit, and is shallow rooted.

American holly: Good for parks or open areas but not good for the planting strip since it is a broad growing tree. It will encroach on the sidewalk and roadway hampering traffic. Females produce red berries, and spikey leaves messy on sidewalks.