

Town of North Hempstead Approved Street Tree List

The attached document is a list of tree species approved by the Town for planting in the Tree Lawn/public right-of-way adjacent to sidewalks. For purposes of Town initiated plantings, the preferred street tree list shall be effective January 1, 2024. The Town shall update the approved list as necessary.

The following trees, as well as any additional tree designated by the NYS Department of Transportation as a “NY Invasive Tree” is neither suitable nor desirable for planting in the Town:

- Norway Maple
- Tree of Heaven
- Russian Olive
- Smooth Buckthorn
- Black Locust

It is the policy of the Town to: (a) plant the right tree in the right place, taking into consideration site conditions and/or other relevant factors in or near the proposed tree planting area; and (b) focus on planting native trees with a goal towards diversity of species.

Final - Street Trees Species for Town of North Hempstead- June 6, 2023

(Adapted from Nassau County's Draft of Approved Street Trees for Nassau County Roads)

Small Trees-to 25 ft.in height at maturity		Medium Trees- 25 to 35 ft.in height when mature				Large Trees-35 to 70ft. In height when mature			
May be planted in restricted areas of 3-4 ft width		May be planted in restricted areas of 3-5' or 5-8' ft width				May be planted in restricted areas of 8-12 ft width			
Must be planted within 15ft of 35 ft high electric wires		Plant medium trees at least 25 feet away from overhead power lines.				Plant large trees 50 feet away from overhead power lines			
FS=Full Sun		SH=Shade		PSH=Part Shade		(Height and Spread can vary based on site)			

Botanical Name	Common Name	Cultivars			Small, Medium or Large	Mature Height	Canopy Spread	Sun/Shade	Under Wires <35' in height	Min Planting Space Width	Some Road Salt Tolerance	Long Island Native	Native to East Coast	NOTES
Acer buergerianum	Trident Maple								✓					Outstanding
		Aeryn	M	30'	30'	FS/SH	✓	3-5'						
		Blood Moon	M	35'	20'	FS/PSH	✓	3-5'						
		Valynor	S	20'	40'	FS/SH	✓	3-5'						
Acer campestre	Hedge Maple													Outstanding
		Queen Elizabeth	M	35'	35'	FS/PSH	✓	3-5'						
		St. Gregory	M	40'	15'	FS/PSH		3-5'						Uniform Canopy
		Streetside	M	35'	18'	FS/PSH	✓	3-5'						
Acer freemanii	Freeman Maple											✓		Outstanding
		Celebration	L	50'	25'	FS/PSH		8-12'						
		Marmo	L	70'	40'	FS/PSH		8-12'						
		Scarlet Sentinel	L	45'	25'	FS/PSH		8-12'						
		Sienna Glen	L	50'	40'	FS/PSH		8-12'						
Acer rubrum	Red Maple										✓	✓		Must be watered regularly at Planting
		Autumn Radiance	L	50'	40'	FS		8-12'						
		Burgandy Bell	L	45'	45'	FS/PSH		8-12'						
		Redpointe	L	45'	30'	FS		5'-8'						
		Sun Valley	M	35'	35'	FS/PSH		3-5'						
Amelanchier sps.	Serviceberry								✓	✓	✓			Ask for single stem
		Autum Brilliance	S	25'	15'	FS/PSH	✓	3-5'						
		Robin Hill	S	25'	15'	FS/PSH	✓	3-5'						
		Snowcloud	S	25'	15'	FS/PSH	✓	3-5'						
		Spring Flurry	S	25'	20"	FS/PSH	✓	3-5'						
Carpinus betulus	Eupropean Hornbeam													
		Emerald Ave	L	40'	30'	FS/SH		5'-8'						

		City Sprite	S	24'	18'	FS	✓	3-5'				Dwarf forms only						
		Wireless	S	20'	36'	FS	✓	3-5'				Dwarf forms only						
		Green Vase	L	80'	50'	FS		3-5',5'-8'				Shade Tree						
		Halka	L	45'	35'	FS		3-5',5'-8'				Fast Growing						
		Murashino	L	40'	15'	FS		3-5',5'-8'				Narrow						

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Other sources: Recommended Street Trees for Long Island. Bassuk, N. et al, 2009. Recommended Urban Trees. Urban Horticulture Institue, Cornell University. Updated 2016, N Bassuk.

Bristol's Garden Cemter, Victor, NY. Recommended Salt Tolerant Plants

* Plants in the Oak family can be susceptible to disease including Oak Wilt.