Suitable species for boulevards

Large (over 40 feet at maturity)

Black Walnut
Bur Oak
Northern Catalpa
Elm, American
  Select only cultivars resistant to Dutch elm disease.
  • Recommended cultivars: Prairie Expedition, Princeton
Elm, Japanese
  • Recommended cultivars: Freedom, Northern Empress, Discovery
Elm hybrids
  • Recommended cultivars: New Horizon, Accolade, Triumph
Ginkgo*
Hackberry
Honeylocust
  • Recommended cultivars: Northern Acclaim, Skyline
Kentucky Coffeeetree*
Linden, American
Linden, Littleleaf
Maple, Norway
Maple, Freeman
Maple, Red
Turkish Filbert*

Medium (20-40 feet at maturity)

Amur Chokecherry
Amur Corktree*
Amur Maackia*
Ohio Buckeye
Ussurian Pear

Small (under 20 feet at maturity)**

Crabapple - prefer persistent fruit or fruitless
Hawthorn - varieties with few or no thorns
  • Recommended cultivars: Toba, Thornless Cockspur, Crimson Cloud
Japanese Tree Lilac
Maple, Amur
Maple, Tartarian
Serviceberry - single-trunk forms

This fact-sheet is formatted to be easily printed out and used as a reference when selecting trees at a nursery. Details about these tree species can be found in the City's Tree Planting Guide.

The City of Livingston supports increasing the diversity of public trees. If you're interested in planting a species that isn't listed here, contact the City Arborist.

* Species new for Livingston and recommended for trialing.

** Small species are suitable for planting under power lines.

Unsuitable species for boulevards

These species are not permitted for boulevard planting because they can become very large with shallow root system prone to wind toppling, are weak-wooded and prone to storm damage, have large and shallow roots that can heave sidewalks, are invasive, or have other undesirable characteristics.

• All conifers, including spruce, pine, fir, juniper.
• All cottonwoods, aspens and others in poplar family, including hybrids.
• All willows, including hybrids.
• Box elder. Cultivar 'Sensation' may be considered for trial by City Arborist.
• Silver maples.
• Siberian elm.
• Russian olive.

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