City of Hailey - Recommended Street Tree List

This street tree list was prepared and approved by the Hailey Tree Committee, May 9th, 2019

Choosing the correct street trees is dependent on many factors: total soil volume, soil characteristics, clearance availability, characteristics desired, existing tree species, long term goals, and maintenance needs. No conifers are listed for street trees because of the problems with clearance and shading of streets and sidewalks in winter. In some cases there might be an exception.

Class I trees Small trees up to 20 to 30 feet in height when mature. **Minimum planting strip for Class I trees is ten feet wide.** Typical spacing between trees is 20 to 30 feet. Class I trees should **ONLY** be planted in right of ways where there are overhead power lines or other clearance issues and where Class II and III trees can't be planted because of their mature height. Some Class I trees often have a large crown spread with low branches, especially crabapples. These can cause issues with sidewalk and traffic clearances.

Scientific name	Common name	Mature size	Features	Drought	Salt spray	Saline
		(width x ht)		tolerant?	tolerant?	soils
						tolerant?
Acer tataricum	Tartarian	W:20 ft	Hardy to zone 3, yellow to orange-red fall color,		?	?
	maple	Ht:25 ft	good with dry, high pH soils			
Acer	Bigtooth	W: 20 ft.	Rounded shape, orange-red to red fall color, native	no	?	?
grandidentatum	maple	Ht: 20 ft				
Amelanchier spp.	Serviceberry	W: 15- 20 ft	pick single stem varieties, orange to red fall color,	no	no	no
		Ht: 20-28 ft	white flowers, small edible fruit, native			
Crataegus	Washington	W: 18 – 20 ft	Select thornless variety, blooms, hardy	moderate	yes	
phaenopyrum	hawthorn	Ht: 20 – 28 ft				
Malus spp.	crabapple	W: 15- 25 ft	Blooms- pink or white, Many cultivars, low branches		no	no
		Ht:15-25 ft				
Prunus virginiana	Canadian red	W: 20 ft	Choose single stem, Schubert -leaves emerge green		?	?
'Schubert'	chokecherry	Ht: 25 ft	and turn purple in summer, also Prunus padus			
Syringa reticulate	Japanese Tree	W; 12- 15 ft	Choose specimens with strong leader & that are		yes	yes
or S.pekinensis	lilac	Ht: 20 ft	hardy to zone 4, white flowers			

Class II: Medium sized trees, 30 to 50 feet tall when mature. Minimum planting strip is 6 feet wide. Typical spacing between trees is 30 to 40 feet. See notes below for **recommended soil volumes**.

Scientific name	Common name	Mature size	Features	Drought	Salt spray	Saline soil
				tolerant?	tolerant?	tolerant?
Aesculus	Horsechestnut	W: 30 – 40 ft	Beautiful flowers, some varieties are seedless,		yes	
hippocastanum		Ht: 30 – 50 ft	<i>'Baumannii'</i> – good cultivar			
Acer platanoides	Norway maple	W: 15 – 40 ft	Overplanted, leaf color varies- deep green to		yes	moderate
		Ht: 25 – 50 ft	reddish-purple, dense shade, prolific seeder			
Acer saccharum	Sugar maple	W: 10 – 40 ft	Orange- red to red fall color, once established	Yes -	no	no
		Ht: 30 – 50 ft	tolerant of heat and drought	mature		
Acer x freemannii	Autumn blaze	W: 35 – 45 ft	Cultivars: Autumn blaze & Jeffersred, select		moderate	no
	maples (etc)	Ht: 45 – 55 ft	trees with strong central leader			
Celtis occidentalis	Hackberry	W: 20 – 35 ft	A tough, hardy urban tree, rarely raises	Yes-	yes	
		Ht: 45 – 50 ft	sidewalks, yellow fall color	mature		
Fagus grandifolia	American Beech,	W: 40 ft	Pick cultivars hardy to zone 4, golden to bronze	no	no	no
or F. sylvatica	Green Beech	Ht: 50 ft	fall color, slow growing			
Gletditsia	Thornless	W: 35 – 40 ft	Select thornless & seedless cultivars with	yes	yes	yes
triancanthos	Honeylocust	Ht: 40 – 45 ft	strong central leader, tough urban tree			
Ostrya virginiana	American	W: 20 – 25 ft	Pest resistant, tolerant of drought & alkaline	yes	moderate	no
	Hophornbeam	Ht: 40 ft	soils, Autumn treasure 'JFS- KW5' – good			
			variety			
Prunus maackii	Amur	W: 25 – 35 ft	Prefers moist, well drained soils but tolerates	somewhat	moderate	no
	chokecherry	Ht: 35 – 45 ft	dry, alkaline soils			
Tilia americana	American linden	W: 15 – 30 ft	Yellow fall color, pyramidal shape, pollinator	moderate	no	no
		Ht: 35 – 50 ft	friendly - small flowers attract bees			
Tilia cordata	Littleleaf linden	W: 15 – 30 ft	Smaller leaves than American linden, yellow	moderate	no	no
		Ht: 40 – 45 ft	fall color, pyramidal shape			

Class III: Large, long lived trees that need a minimum 6 foot planting strip but wider is recommended, spacing 40 to 60 feet. See notes below for **recommended soil volumes**.

Scientific name	Common name	Mature size	Features	Drought tolerant?	Salt spray tolerant?	Saline soils tolerant?
Carya ovata	Shagbark	W: 30 ft	Shaggy bark and nuts when mature. Drought	moderate	unknown	unknown
•	Hickory	Ht: 80 ft	tolerant after established. Needs rich soil.			
Catalpa speciosa	Northern catalpa	W: 25 – 50 ft	Hiawatha 2 – a better street tree variety, white	yes	moderate	moderate
		Ht: 50 ft	flowers, marginal hardiness (zone 4-5)			
Ginkgo biloba	Ginkgo	W: 25- 35 ft	Only plant male trees (seedless) such Autumn	yes	yes	moderate
		Ht: 40 – 50 ft	gold, tolerates clay & alkaline, pest resistant			
Gymnocladus	Kentucky	W: 35 ft	Heat & drought tolerant, tolerates heavy	yes	yes	yes
dioicus	Coffeetree	Ht: 50 ft	alkaline soil, oval to vase shape			
Quercus bicolor	Swamp White	W: 15 – 40 ft	Tolerant of alkaline, wet, poorly drained soils,	yes	no	moderate
	Oak	Ht: 40 – 50 ft	good urban tree			
Quercus	Bur Oak	W: 25 – 45 ft	Cold hardy tree that tolerates heat, drought,	yes	yes	yes
macrocarpa		Ht: 55 ft	and alkaline soils			
Ulmus americana	American elm	W: 50 – 60 ft	Dutch Elm Disease resistant cultivars, vase	moderate	moderate	moderate
spp	culitvars	Ht: 55 – 70 ft	shape, yellow fall color, tolerates alkaline, clay			

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Sources:

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