

Tree Recommendations

For anyone interested in planting trees, we have had our landscape architect offer a list of recommendations for your best success.

The trees on this list are hardy in Michigan, include some native trees, and are adaptable to a variety of soil types. Although some trees listed below are noted to tolerate wet soil, "wet" is relative. Most trees do not tolerate standing water for more than short periods of time, such as occurs with flooding.

Trees should be a minimum of 2.5" caliper, with larger caliper trees preferable. Some trees may not be available in the 2.5"-3.5" size, and rather than choosing a smaller tree, a larger one should be chosen. Evergreen trees need full sun and should be a minimum of 5' in height when planted.

Evergreens: (full sun only)*

Serbian Spruce (*Picea omorika*)

White Pine (*Pinus strobus*)

Eastern Red Cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*)

White Cedar (*Thuja occidentalis*)-tolerates wet soil

*(Evergreens, in general, are susceptible to browse damage from deer)

Oaks: (full sun only)

Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*)

Northern Pin Oak (*Quercus ellipsoidalis*)

Chinkapin Oak (*Quercus muehlenbergii*)

White Swamp Oak (*Quercus bicolor*)-tolerates wet soil

Maples:

Red Maple (*Acer rubrum* 'Red Sunset' or other cultivar)-tolerates wet soil, very soil adaptable

Sugar Maple (*Acer saccharum* 'Moraine')

Trident Maple (*Acer buegerianum*)

Others:

Tulip Tree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*)

American Hornbeam (*Carpinus caroliniana*)-prefers moist soil but is adaptable.

River Birch (*Betula nigra*)-tolerates wet soil, soil adaptable

Basswood (*Tilia Americana*)

Bald Cypress (*Taxodium distichum*)-tolerates wet soil

Hickory (*Carya cordiformis*, *C. ovata*, *C. glabra*, etc.)-drought tolerant

Buckeye (*Aesculus carnea*)

Horse Chestnut (*Aesculus hippocastanum*)

Hardy Rubber Tree (*Eucomia ulmoides*)

Sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*)-tolerates periodic flooding, wet soils

Yellow Wood (*Cladrastis lutea* (Kentukea))

Weeping Willow (*Salix* sp.)-tolerates periodic flooding, wet soils