



APPROVED TREES FOR MANASQUAN

MANASQUAN SHADE TREE COMMISSION · USDA ZONE 7B · COASTAL

Any tree on this list may be planted in Manasquan without further approval from the Shade Tree Commission. Choose a tree that fits the space you actually have — above ground and below.

This list is not the whole story. Most of these species have many excellent cultivars — Red Maple alone has more than twenty — and any named cultivar of a listed species is approved. Plenty of fine trees are not printed here simply for lack of room. If you have your eye on something else, ask us before you rule it out.

Before you dig: call **811** for utility mark-outs. Keep trees 10 ft from driveways, hydrants and streetlights, and clear of sight lines at corners. Water a new tree deeply once a week for its first two summers — that, more than anything else, decides whether it lives.

• Native to New Jersey ♦ Strong salt & wind tolerance ▲ Surface roots — set back at least 5 ft from sidewalk or curb cvs. = cultivars

LARGE SHADE TREES — 50'+ at maturity

▲ **Do not plant any tree in this group under overhead wires. Every other group on this sheet is fine under wires.**

Willow Oak *Quercus phellos* • ♦
Swamp White Oak *Quercus bicolor* • ♦
Northern Red Oak *Quercus rubra* •
Scarlet Oak *Quercus coccinea* • —sandy soil
White Oak *Quercus alba* • —slow, long-lived
Pin Oak *Quercus palustris* • ▲
Common Hackberry *Celtis occidentalis* • ♦ —very wind-tough
Black Gum / Tupelo *Nyssa sylvatica* • ♦ —best fall color
Kentucky Coffeetree *Gymnocladus dioica* • —seedless cvs.
Thornless Honeylocust *Gleditsia triacanthos* var. *inermis* • ♦
Tulip Tree *Liriodendron tulipifera* • —big lawns only
American Sycamore *Platanus occidentalis* • ▲ —big lawns only
London Planetree *Platanus × acerifolia* • ▲
Bald Cypress *Taxodium distichum* • ♦ —knees in wet soil
American Linden *Tilia americana* •
Littleleaf Linden *Tilia cordata*
American Elm *Ulmus americana* • —DED-resistant cvs. only
Red / Freeman Maple *Acer rubrum*, *A. × freemanii* • ▲
Ginkgo *Ginkgo biloba* ♦ —MALE cultivars only
Japanese Zelkova *Zelkova serrata* ♦
Japanese Pagoda Tree *Styphnolobium japonicum* ♦
Dawn Redwood *Metasequoia glyptostroboides* —needs room
Sweetgum *Liquidambar styraciflua* • ▲ —fruitless 'Rotundiloba' only

MEDIUM SHADE TREES — 30–45' at maturity

American Hornbeam *Carpinus caroliniana* •
Hop Hornbeam *Ostrya virginiana* • —excellent street tree
European Hornbeam *Carpinus betulus*
American Holly *Ilex opaca* • ♦ —evergreen
Eastern Red Cedar *Juniperus virginiana* • ♦ —evergreen
Sassafras *Sassafras albidum* • —sandy soil
Common Persimmon *Diospyros virginiana* • ♦
American Yellowwood *Cladrastis kentukea* •
Sweetbay Magnolia *Magnolia virginiana* • ♦ —semi-evergreen
River Birch *Betula nigra* • —single stem for streets
Trident Maple *Acer buergerianum*
Lacebark / Chinese Elm *Ulmus parvifolia* ♦
Turkish Filbert *Corylus colurna*
Amur Maackia *Maackia amurensis*
Hardy Rubber Tree *Eucommia ulmoides* —very tough, pest-free
Katsura Tree *Cercidiphyllum japonicum* —sheltered sites
Southern Magnolia *Magnolia grandiflora* —'Edith Bogue', 'Bracken's'
Japanese Tree Lilac *Syringa reticulata* —'Ivory Silk'

SMALLER FLOWERING TREES — under 30'

Serviceberry *Amelanchier* spp. • ♦ —all species & hybrids
Eastern Redbud *Cercis canadensis* •
Flowering Dogwood *Cornus florida* •
Rutgers Hybrid Dogwoods *Cornus × rutgersensis* —Stellar Pink, Aurora, Celestial, Constellation
Kousa Dogwood *Cornus kousa*
Crape Myrtle *Lagerstroemia indica × fauriei* ♦ —'Natchez', 'Tuscarora' — loves the shore
Flowering Crabapple *Malus* spp. —disease-resistant cvs. only
Japanese Snowbell *Styrax japonicus*
Carolina Silverbell *Halesia tetraptera* •
Sourwood *Oxydendrum arboreum* • —acid soil, no salt
Stewartia *Stewartia* spp. —Korean or Japanese
Flowering Cherry *Prunus* spp. —Yoshino, Kwanzan, Sargent, Autumnalis
Beach Plum *Prunus maritima* • ♦ —true Jersey Shore native
Chokecherry *Prunus virginiana* •
Blackhaw Viburnum *Viburnum prunifolium* •
Star / Saucer Magnolia *Magnolia stellata*, *M. × soulangeana*

NARROW & COLUMNAR TREES — tight lawns, side yards

'Frans Fontaine' Hornbeam *Carpinus betulus* 'Frans Fontaine' —best narrow street tree
'Fastigiata' Hornbeam *Carpinus betulus* 'Fastigiata'
Columnar Oaks *Quercus × warei* ♦ —'Regal Prince', 'Kindred Spirit'
'Crimson Spire' Oak *Quercus × bimundorum*
'Princeton Sentry' Ginkgo *Ginkgo biloba* ♦ —male
'Musashino' Zelkova *Zelkova serrata* ♦
'Armstrong' Maple *Acer × freemanii* ▲
'Taylor' Red Cedar *Juniperus virginiana* 'Taylor' • ♦ —evergreen, very narrow
Columnar American Holly *Ilex opaca* • ♦ —evergreen
'Green Pillar' Pin Oak *Quercus palustris* •

TREES CLOSE TO THE OCEAN — salt spray, wind, sand

Eastern Red Cedar *Juniperus virginiana* • ♦ —the single best oceanfront tree
American Holly *Ilex opaca* • ♦
Pitch Pine *Pinus rigida* • ♦
Japanese Black Pine *Pinus thunbergii* ♦ —classic, but short-lived here
Northern Bayberry *Morella pensylvanica* • ♦ —large shrub
Beach Plum *Prunus maritima* • ♦ —large shrub / small tree
Shadblow Serviceberry *Amelanchier canadensis* • ♦
Common Hackberry *Celtis occidentalis* • ♦
Sweetbay Magnolia *Magnolia virginiana* • ♦
London Planetree *Platanus × acerifolia* ♦ ▲
Crape Myrtle *Lagerstroemia indica × fauriei* ♦
Willow & Swamp White Oak *Quercus phellos*, *Q. bicolor* • ♦ —2nd block and landward

HOW MUCH ROOM DO YOU HAVE?

Planting strip under **4'** wide → flowering or narrow trees only. **4–6'** — medium shade trees. **6'+**, or an open front lawn → large shade trees. A great tree in the wrong-sized space becomes a removal in fifteen years.

GIVE IT SPACE

10' from driveways, hydrants, streetlights and utility boxes. **5'** back from walks for ▲ surface-rooting species. Space large shade trees **30–40'** apart, medium **20–25'**, small **12–15'**.

PLANT IT RIGHT

Buy **1.5–2.5" caliper** stock — smaller trees establish faster than big ones. Set the root flare **at or slightly above** grade, never deeper. Mulch 2–3" wide and **never against the trunk**.

DO NOT PLANT IN MANASQUAN

Callery / Bradford Pear *Pyrus calleryana* †
Norway Maple *Acer platanoides* †
Tree-of-Heaven *Ailanthus altissima* †
Silver Maple *Acer saccharinum*

Sycamore Maple *Acer pseudoplatanus*
Box Elder *Acer negundo*
Ash — all species *Fraxinus* spp.
White / Paper Mulberry *Morus alba*, *Broussonetia*

Poplars, Aspens, Cottonwood *Populus* spp.
Willows *Salix* spp.
Black Locust *Robinia pseudoacacia*
Leyland Cypress × *Cupressocyparis leylandii*

Empress Tree *Paulownia tomentosa* †
Sawtooth Oak *Quercus acutissima*
Female Ginkgo *Ginkgo biloba* (female)

† Listed under New Jersey's Invasive Species Management Act (signed January 2026); propagation, import and sale restrictions phase in beginning 2027. The remaining species are prohibited on Monmouth County roads and rights-of-way, or are barred here for weak wood, aggressive roots, or serious pest and disease problems — ash for emerald ash borer, Leyland cypress for canker.

Questions? We would rather answer one now than remove a tree later.

Email shadetreecommission@manasquan-nj.gov · Planting guides and tree care at keepsquangreen.com

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