Selecting the Right Trees

Right Tree/Right Place
URBAN TREES ARE THE ONLY PART OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT INCREASES IN VALUE WITH AGE.
IT CAN BE A LITTLE BIT COMPLICATED

PLANTING A TREE IS LIKE A GREAT ROMANCE

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THINK ABOUT YOUR NEEDS

SHADE

SOUND OR WIND BUFFER

TREES FOR RETAIL AREA

STREET TREES TO SLOW TRAFFIC
CONSIDER THE TREE’S NEEDS

ROOM TO GROW

ADEQUATE WATER AND NOURISHMENT

A DIVERSE COMMUNITY

PROTECTION FROM ABUSE
ROOM TO GROW
Large Tree Tips

Grow to be over 40 feet tall at maturity

Recommended for streets with no overhead restrictions and with tree lawns at least 4-6’ or more in width.

Recommended for large areas such as parks, school yards, residential yards

Plant at least ½ the mature height of the tree from structures.

**DO NOT PLANT UNDER OR NEAR POWER LINES.**

Examples: Oak, Cypress, Maple
Medium Tree Tips

25-40 feet tall at maturity

Check for mature size before planting near utility lines

Recommended for areas around the home and in tree lawns that are 4’ or greater

Plant at least 25-35 feet away from structures

Examples: American Hornbeam, Hawthorn, Yellowwood
Small Tree Tips

Mature height 25’ or less

Generally can be planted under and near power lines

Check mature height and **spread** before planting

Recommended for lawn widths 3’ or greater

Examples: Redbud, Dogwood, Crabapple
CREATE A DIVERSE COMMUNITY
MAINTAIN A HEALTHY VARIETY OF TREES

No one genera over 20% of the population

No one species over 10% of the population

A TREE INVENTORY IS AN IMPORTANT TOOL
Ash trees pre-EAB. Behedere Dr, Toledo. June 2006

Untreated ash after EAB, same location, June 2009

All dead ash street trees removed, same location.

Source: EmeraldAshBorer.info
DON’T BE AN ABUSER
DEVELOP RIGHT TREE/RIGHT PLACE GUIDELINES TO HELP WITH YOUR TREE SELECTION PROCESS.

Information available from:
State Forestry Community and Urban Forestry Division
National Arbor Day Foundation
County and University Extension Offices
WHEN YOU PLANT A TREE, COMMIT TO CARE FOR IT.