

# CITY OF LEROY

## RECOMMENDED TREE SPECIES



The City of LeRoy Tree Committee has created a list of recommended tree species for residents to reference when planting new trees in the City. This is a helpful tool for our community as we begin our efforts to improve and expand the tree canopy.

One of the LeRoy Tree Committee's goals is to diversify the city tree canopy in the coming years. Diversity of tree species is essential to a healthy urban forest. Many of the species listed provide shade, beautiful fall color, and colorful spring blooms - alternatives to overplanted trees such as maples, pears, and crabapples.

For questions regarding this list, email the LeRoy Tree Committee at [leroytreecommittee@gmail.com](mailto:leroytreecommittee@gmail.com)

SPECIFICATIONS	IDENTIFIER
Street Tree - A tree that is acceptable to plant in LeRoy's public space (right of ways or boulevards)	S
Park Tree - A tree that can be planted in an open space with adequate room to grow (parks/private property)	P
Native Tree to Illinois	

### LOW-GROWING TREES

<i>Common Name</i>	<i>Scientific Name</i>	<i>Specifications</i>
American Hornbeam (Blue Beech)	Carpinus caroliniana	S, P
American Hophornbeam	Ostrya virginiana	S, P
Buckeye	Aesculus glabra	P
Eastern Redbud	Cercis canadensis	S, P
Flowering Dogwood	Cornus florida	S, P
Japanese Tree Lilac	Syringa reticulata	S, P
Pawpaw	Asimina triloba	P
Serviceberry	Amelanchier arborea	P
Star Magnolia	Magnolia stellata	P

SHADE TREES		
<i>Common Name</i>	<i>Scientific Name</i>	<i>Specifications</i>
Bald Cypress	Taxodium distichum	S, P
Black Gum (Tupelo)	Nyssa sylvatica	S, P
Bur Oak	Quercus macrocarpa	S, P
Chinkapin Oak	Quercus muehlenbergii	S, P
Cucumber Magnolia	Magnolia acuminata	P
Elm	Ulmus spp.	S, P
Ginkgo (male variety only)	Ginkgo biloba	S, P
Hackberry	Celtis occidentalis	S, P
Honeylocust (Thornless)	Gleditsia triacanthos	S, P
Kentucky Coffeetree	Gymnocladus dioicus	S, P
American Linden	Tillia americana	S, P
Littleleaf Linden	Tillia cordata	S, P
London Planetree	Platanus x acerifolia	S, P
Northern Red Oak	Quercus rubra	S, P
Northern Pecan	Carya illinoensis	P
River Birch	Betula nigra	P
Shagbark Hickory	Carya ovata	P
Swamp White Oak	Quercus bicolor	S, P
Sugar Maple	Acer saccharum	S, P
Tuliptree	Liriodendron tulipifera	S, P
White Oak	Quercus alba	S, P
Yellowwood	Cladrastis kentuckea	S, P
Japanese Zelkova	Zelkova serrata	S, P

DO NOT PLANT		PLANT WITH CAUTION	
<i>Name</i>	<i>Reasoning</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Reasoning</i>
Callery Pear	Invasive, injury prone, short lifespan	Norway Maple	Invasive, injury prone, short lifespan
Tree of Heaven	Invasive, rapid growth, attracts pests/insects	Silver Maple	Invasive, disease/injury prone
Poplar	Rapid growth, injury prone, weak structure	Sweetgum	Large falling fruit/debris
Cottonwood	Excessive debris	Black Walnut	Large falling fruit/debris
Chinese Elm	Disease/injury prone, weak structure	Blue Spruce	Disease susceptible