

# Alameda County Recommended Tree List



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## Type of Tree

## Height at Maturity

## Characteristics

### **Small size planting strip:** 18”-3’ planting space or under overhead high-voltage lines

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| <i>Acer buergeranum</i> , Trident Maple*   | 25’ | Deciduous; full sun to full shade; low canopy, red & gold Fall color        |
| <i>Cercis occidentalis</i> California Redbud   | 25’ | Deciduous; full sun/partial shade; purple flowers in Spring                 |
| <i>Chionanthus retusus</i> , Chinese fringe tree   | 20’ | Deciduous; full sun/partial shade; showy, white flowers in Spring/Summer    |
| <i>Lagerstroemia x fauriei</i> ‘Biloxi’, ‘Fantasy’, ‘Natchez’, ‘Muskogee’, ‘Tuscorora’, ‘Wichita’, Hybrid Crape Myrtle | 25’ | Deciduous; full sun to partial shade; pink, red, or white flowers in Summer |
| <i>Laurus nobilis</i> , Grecian laurel   | 25’ | Evergreen; full sun to part shade; conical or oval shape                    |
| <i>Syringa reticulata</i> , Japanese tree lilac  | 20’ | Deciduous; full sun/partial shade; showy, fragrant flowers in Summer        |
| <i>Tristania laurina</i> , Swamp Myrtle  | 25’ | Evergreen; full sun/partial shade; showy yellow flowers in Spring-Summer    |

### **Medium size planting strip:** 3’-5’ planting space

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| <i>Koelreuteria paniculata</i> , Panicked Goldenrain Tree               | 35’ | Deciduous; full sun/partial shade; showy yellow flowers in Summer                 |
| <i>Betula nigra</i> ‘Heritage’, Heritage River Birch                    | 50’ | Deciduous; full sun/partial shade; golden Fall color; colorful exfoliating trunk  |
| <i>Pistachia chinensis</i> , Chinese Pistache                           | 25’ | Deciduous; full sun/partial shade; high canopy, red/gold/orange Fall color        |
| <i>Arbutus</i> ‘Marina’, Marina madrone                                 | 40’ | Evergreen; full sun; rounded or vase shaped, showy red to pink flowers            |
| <i>Catalpa x Chitalpa tashkentensis</i> ‘Pink Dawn’, pink dawn chitalpa | 25’ | Deciduous; full sun to part shade;  |
| <i>Lophostemon confertus</i> , Brisbane box                             | 45’ | Evergreen; full sun/partial shade; oval or round shape; exfoliating bark          |
| <i>Olea europaea</i> ‘Swan Hill’ Swan Hill fruitless olive              | 35’ | Evergreen; full sun; oval or round shape; silver green foliage                    |
| <i>Ulmus parvifolia</i> ‘Drake’   | 40’ | Semi-deciduous; full sun/partial shade; rounded/umbrella canopy, interesting bark |
| <i>Melaleuca linarifolia</i> , Flax-leaf paperbark                      | 30’ | Evergreen; full sun/partial shade; round canopy, showy flower display             |

### **Large size planting area:** planting space greater than 5’

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| <i>Acer rubrum</i> , Red Maple   | 50’ | Deciduous; full sun/partial shade; high conical canopy, red & orange Fall color |
| <i>Afrocarpus grailior</i> , fern pine                                       | 50’ | Evergreen; full sun/part/sun/full shade; rounded/conical shape                  |
| <i>Ginkgo biloba</i> , Maidenhair Tree                                       | 65’ | Deciduous; full sun/partial shade; golden Fall color                            |
| <i>Pinus canariensis</i> , Canary Island Pine                                | 65’ | Evergreen; full sun/partial shade; regal dark green canopy                      |
| <i>Pinus pinea</i> , Italian Stone Pine                                      | 35’ | Evergreen; full sun/partial shade; large, rounded/umbrella canopy               |
| <i>Platanus x hispanica</i> ‘Columbia’, ‘Bloodgood’, ‘Yarwood’, London Plane | 65’ | Deciduous; full sun/partial shade; large, majestic canopy                       |
| <i>Quercus agrifolia</i> , coast live oak                                    | 70’ | Evergreen; full sun/partial shade; extensive rounded/umbrella canopy            |
| <i>Quercus lobata</i> , Valley oak   | 75’ | Deciduous; full sun/partial shade; large, majestic canopy                       |
| <i>Quercus rubra</i> , Red Oak   | 65’ | Deciduous; full sun/partial shade; red, orange, & bronze Fall color             |
| <i>Quercus suber</i> , Cork Oak  | 65’ | Evergreen; full sun/partial shade; extensive rounded/umbrella canopy            |
| <i>Quercus virginiana</i> , Southern live oak                                | 50’ | Evergreen; full sun/partial shade; spreading rounded/umbrella canopy            |
| <i>Saphora japonica</i> , Japanese pagoda tree                               | 60’ | Deciduous; full sun/partial shade; rounded canopy, showy flowers and fruit      |

\*Available in Springtime to Summertime only

Please note, all trees planted *must* be at least a 15 gallon container size.

If you would like to plant another type of tree that is not on this list, please contact a PWA Staff Arborist for prior approval.