

TREES SUITABLE FOR PLANTING IN SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

| Common Name | Height (feet) | Width (feet) | Light | Distance (from pole) | Outstanding characteristics |
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| Amur Maple | 15 to 20 | 10 to 15 | ≎ * | < 20 | Outstanding bright redish fall color. |
| Burning Bush | 6 to 12 | 4 to 6 | ₽ | < 20 | Dense shrub. Foliage turns red in fall. |
| Common Lilac Dwarf | 4 to 6 | 3 to 4 | Φ ≖ | < 20 | Hardy shrub with spring flowers. |
| Dwarf Arborvitae | 2 to 10 | 2 to 8 | ≎ | < 20 | Low-care, long-lived evergreen. |
| Dwarf Hinoki False Cypress | 2 to 6 | 2 to 3 | ○ = | < 20 | Mature foliage has tiny, overlapping leaves. |
| Forsythia | 8 to 10 | 8 to 12 | ₽ | < 20 | Fast growing. Features spring flowers. |
| Japanese Yew | 15 to 25 | 10 to 15 | ⇔ | < 20 | Dense evergreen foliage with dark green needles. |
| Rhododendron * | 3 to 12 | 3 to 12 | * | < 20 | Blooms in late spring to early summer. Colors vary. |
| Star Magnolia | 10 to 20 | 10 to 15 | ☆ * | < 20 | Small tree or large shrub with fragrant flowers in the spring. |
| Viburnum * | 4 to 15 | 4 to 12 | ≎ ∗ | < 20 | Versatile tree with attractive foliage and spring flowers. |
| American Hornbeam | 20 to 35 | 20 to 35 | * | 20 to 50 | Fall color and bluish-grey bark. Also called Blue Beech. |
| Amur Chokecherry | 25 to 45 | 20 to 35 | ☆ * | 20 to 50 | Upright tree with white flowers and bronze-colored bark that curls as it peels off. |
| Crabapple * | 15 to 40 | 8 to 30 | ٥ | 20 to 50 | Spring flowers that can be white, pink or red. Colorful fruit. |
| Flowering Dogwood | 20 to 30 | 10 to 20 | ≠ | 20 to 50 | Trunk has wide spreading branches. Flowers in the spring. |
| Hawthorn * | 15 to 35 | 10 to 35 | ≎ | 20 to 50 | Clusters of pink or white flowers that bloom in the spring. |
| Ironwood | 30 to 40 | 20 to 30 | ☆ * | 20 to 50 | Single or multi-trunked evergreen tree. Displays lavender to pink flowers in the spring. |
| Japanese Maple | 15 to 25 | 15 to 25 | * | 20 to 50 | Ornamental slow-growing tree with intense red foliage. |

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| Kousa Dogwood | 20 to 30 | 20 to 30 | ≎ # | 20 to 50 | Showy blossoms appear in late spring, weeks after the tree leafs out. |
| Mountain Ash | 15 to 35 | 20 to 30 | ٥ | 20 to 50 | Produces clusters of white flowers in spring followed by bright orange-red berries in fall that attract birds. |
| Redbud | 25 to 30 | 25 to 35 | ≎ # | 20 to 50 | A small tree with spreading branches and a small short trunk. Spring flowers. |
| Serviceberry | 15 to 25 | 10 to 20 | ◊ * | 20 to 50 | White flowers in the spring develop into berries in the summer. Bright green leaves turn red and orange in fall. |
| American Beech | 70 to 80 | 30 to 40 | ☆ * | +50 | Has light-colored, very smooth bark and small, varigated leaves. Small tree nuts fall before the leaves turn in the autumn. |
| Balsam Fir | 40 to 60 | 15 to 25 | ≎ # | +50 | Evergreen with fragrant bluish-green foliage. |
| Black Typelo | 40 to 70 | 30 to 45 | ≎ # | +50 | Displays colorful foliage autumn. |
| Bur Oak | 70 to 90 | 65 to 90 | ٥ | +50 | Large shade tree with a large trunk and rough, furrowed bark. |
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| Dawn Redwood | 65 to 85 | 25 to 40 | ☆ * | +50 | Relatively care-free, fast growing shade tree with delicate foliage. |
| Eastern Red Cedar | 40 to 50 | 10 to 20 | ≎ # | +50 | Has reddish wood and grows berries appealing to birds. Tolerant of heat and a wide range of soils. |
| Ginko | 50 to 80 | 40 to 80 | ≎ * | +50 | Has an angular crown and long, somewhat erratic branches, and is usually deep rooted and resistant to wind and snow damage. |
| Hackberry | 40 to 60 | 40 to 60 | ≎ # | +50 | A strong tree that thrives in a broad span of temperatures. Can tolerate a wide variety of rainfall and strong winds |
| Hemlock | 40 to 70 | 25 to 35 | ☆ # | +50 | An evergreen with delicate foliage that is commonly selected for privacy screens and hedges |
| Japanese Zelkova | 50 to 60 | 50 to 60 | ☆ * | +50 | Shade tree that has a rounded crown. Tolerant to drought and air pollution. |

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| Kentucky Coffeetree | 55 to 75 | 45 to 65 | Φ | +50 | A hardy tree with attractive bark that is drought- resistant, tolerant of pollution and adaptable to a variety of soils. |
| Littleleaf Linden | 60 to 80 | 35 to 55 | ☆ = | +50 | An ornamental shade tree with a dense canopy that blooms in the spring. |
| London Planetree | 70 to 80 | 55 to 65 | Φ * | +50 | Shade tree that tolerates drought and a wide vareity of soil conditions. Lives longer than many other types of trees in urban settings |
| Ohio Buckeye | 40 to 50 | 20 to 30 | ⇔ | +50 | Distinctive trees, known for their early spring flowers and for their shiny, dark brown seeds. |
| Red Maple | 50 to 75 | 30 to 70 | * | +50 | Fast-growing tree that is tolerant to a wide range of soils. Features red flowers in the spring and vibrant red fall color. |
| Red Oak | 60 to 80 | 45 to 65 | ≎ | +50 | Adaptable, hardy tree known for its brilliant fall color. |
| Red Pine | 50 to 80 | 20 to 40 | ☆ = | +50 | Also called a Norway Pine. Evergreen tree with pale, reddish bark. Grows well in light, sandy soils. |
| Shagbark Hickory | 60 to 80 | 20 to 40 | ☆ = | +50 | Trees can live over 350 years. Younger trees have smoother bark. Older trees have shaggy bark. |
| Sugar Maple | 60 to 80 | 40 to 70 | ○ * | +50 | Ornamental shade tree that grows into a round or oval shape. |
| Tuliptree | 70 to 90 | 35 to 50 | ≎ # | +50 | Shade tree that grows in oval shape. Blooms in the spring, producing tulip-shaped flowers. |
| White Fir | 40 to 60 | 15 to 30 | ☆ = | +50 | Drought-tolerant evergreen with silvery, blue-green needles and light-colored bark. |
| White Oak | 50 to 80 | 50 to 80 | ☆ = | +50 | Large shade tree with a broad, rounded form. Leaves turn a bright red in the fall. |
| White Pine | 80 to 100 | 30 to 40 | ☆ * | +50 | Hardy, fast-growing evergreen tree. Ideal for screens or windbreaks away from power lines. |
| White Spruce | 40 to 60 | 10 to 20 | ☆ * | +50 | Evergreen known for its distinctive-looking needles and year-round color. Tolerates most soil conditions. |

Recommended distance away from utility pole

Less than 20 feet Between 20 and 50 feet More than 50 feet

Light Legend

* Shade

Part shade

🛱 Full sun