

Recommended Plants List

Note: This is not a comprehensive list of acceptable plant species. Other plant species may be considered for general landscape planting. [Please submit](#) a request for approval [to the](#) Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ). Design professionals are advised to monitor available resources such as the Maryland Invasive Species Council “Invasive Species of Concern” lists and avoid using species of concern regardless of their presence on any County provided list. Please also refer to the Native species requirements as outlined in the 2026 Landscape Manual.

Botanical Name	Common Name	Size (min.)	Comments
Shade Trees			
<i>Acer rubrum</i> 'Armstrong'	Armstrong Red Maple	2-1/2” cal.	1, 6
<i>Acer rubrum</i> 'Autumn Flame'	Autumn Flame Red Maple	2-1/2” cal.	1, 6
<i>Acer rubrum</i> 'Bowhall'	Bowhall Red Maple	2-1/2” cal.	1, 6
<i>Acer rubrum</i> 'October Glory'	October Glory Red Maple	2-1/2” cal.	1, 6
<i>Acer rubrum</i> 'Red Sunset'	Red Sunset Red Maple	2-1/2” cal.	1, 6
<i>Acer saccharum</i> 'Green Mountain'*	Green Mountain Sugar Maple	2-1/2” cal.	2, 6
<i>Acer saccharum</i> 'Legacy'*	Legacy Sugar Maple	2-1/2” cal.	2, 6
<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i> 'Baumannii'	Baumann Horsechestnut	2-1/2” cal.	7
<i>Betula nigra</i> 'Heritage'	Heritage River Birch	12’ ht.	2, 6
<i>Catalpa speciosa</i>	Northern Catalpa	2-1/2” cal.	6
<i>Cercidiphyllum japonica</i>	Katsura Tree	2-1/2” cal.	
<i>Cladrastis kentukea</i> (C. lutea)	American Yellowwood	2-1/2” cal.	6
<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	American Beech	2-1/2” cal.	6
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	European Beech	2-1/2” cal.	
<i>Ginkgo biloba</i> 'Autumn Gold'	Autumn Gold Ginkgo	2-1/2” cal.	male only
<i>Ginkgo biloba</i> 'Princeton Sentry'	Princeton Sentry Ginkgo	2-1/2” cal.	male only
<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i> var. <i>inermis</i> 'Impcole'	Imperial Thornless Honeylocust	2-1/2” cal.	6
<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i> var. <i>inermis</i> 'Shademaster'	Shademaster Thornless Honeylocust	2-1/2” cal.	6
<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	American Sweetgum	2-1/2” cal.	2, 6
<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i> 'Rotundiloba'	Rotundiloba Sweetgum	2-1/2” cal.	2, 6
<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Black Gum	2-1/2” cal.	6
<i>Platanus x acerifolia</i> 'Bloodgood'	Bloodgood London Planetree	2-1/2” cal.	2
<i>Platanus x acerifolia</i> 'Columbia'	Columbia London Planetree	2-1/2” cal.	2
<i>Prunus sargentii</i>	Sargent Cherry	2-1/2” cal.	1
<i>Quercus bicolor</i>	Swamp White Oak	2-1/2” cal.	6
<i>Quercus coccinea</i>	Scarlet Oak	2-1/2” cal.	6
<i>Quercus lyrata</i>	Overcup Oak	2-1/2” cal.	6
<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	Bur Oak	2-1/2” cal.	6
<i>Quercus palustris</i>	Pin Oak	2-1/2” cal.	6
<i>Quercus phellos</i> *	Willow Oak	2-1/2” cal.	6
<i>Quercus robur</i> 'Fastigiata'	Columnar English Oak	2-1/2” cal.	
<i>Quercus rubra</i>	Northern Red Oak	2-1/2” cal.	6

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<i>Quercus shumardii</i>	Shumard Oak	2-1/2" cal.	6
<i>Salix niobe</i>	Niobe Weeping Willow	1-1/2" cal.	
<i>Styphnolobium japonica</i> 'Princeton Upright'	Princeton Upright Japanese Pagoda	2-1/2" cal.	
<i>Styphnolobium japonica</i> 'Regent'	Regent Japanese Pagoda Tree	2-1/2" cal.	
<i>Taxodium distichum</i>	Bald Cypress	2-1/2" cal.	5, 6
<i>Tilia americana</i> 'Redmond'	Redmond American Linden	2-1/2" cal.	6
<i>Tilia cordata</i> 'Chancellor'	Chancellor Littleleaf Linden	2-1/2" cal.	
<i>Tilia cordata</i> 'Greenspire'	Greenspire Littleleaf Linden	2-1/2" cal.	
<i>Tilia tomentosa</i>	Silver Linden	2-1/2" cal.	
<i>Ulmus americana</i> 'Princeton'	Princeton American Elm	2-1/2" cal.	6
<i>Ulmus americana</i> 'Valley Forge'	Valley Forge American Elm	2-1/2" cal.	6
<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>	Lacebark Elm	2-1/2" cal.	

Small Deciduous Trees

<i>Acer buergerianum</i>	Trident Maple	1-1/2" cal.	
<i>Acer campestre</i>	Hedge Maple	1-1/2" cal.	
<i>Acer griseum</i>	Paperbark Maple	1-1/2" cal.	
<i>Acer tataricum</i>	Tatarian Maple	1-1/2" cal.	
<i>Amelanchier canadensis</i>	Shadblow Serviceberry	8' ht.	6
<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	American Hornbeam	1-1/2" cal.	6
<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	Eastern Red Bud	1-1/2" cal.	6
<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>	Fringetree	1-1/2" cal.	6
<i>Cornus alternifolia</i>	Pagoda Dogwood	8' ht.	
<i>Cornus florida</i>	Flowering Dogwood	8' ht.	6
<i>Cornus florida</i> 'Cherokee Brave'	Cherokee Brave Dogwood	8' ht.	6
<i>Cornus florida</i> 'Rubra'	Red Flowering Dogwood	8' ht.	6
<i>Cornus kousa</i>	Kousa Dogwood	8' ht.	
<i>Cornus mas</i>	Cornelian Cherry	8' ht.	
<i>Cornus</i> x 'Rutcan'	Constellation Dogwood	8' ht.	
<i>Cornus</i> x 'Rutdan'	Celestial Dogwood	8' ht.	
<i>Cornus</i> x 'Rutgan'	Stellar Pink Dogwood	8' ht.	
<i>Cotinus coggygria</i>	Smoketree	8' ht.	
<i>Crataegus crusgalli</i> 'Inermis'	Thornless Cockspur Hawthorne	1-1/2" cal.	3, 6
<i>Lagerstroemia indica</i>	Crape Myrtle	8' ht.	
<i>Magnolia acuminata</i>	Cucumber Magnolia	8' ht.	6
<i>Magnolia x loebneri</i> 'Merrill'	Merrill Magnoli	8' ht.	
<i>Magnolia x soulangiana</i>	Saucer Magnolia	8' ht.	
<i>Magnolia stellata</i>	Star Magnolia	8' ht.	
<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>	Sweetbay Magnolia	8' ht.	6
<i>Malus baccata</i> 'Columnaris'	Columnar Siberian Crabapple	1-1/2" cal.	
<i>Malus baccata</i> 'Jackii'	Jackii Crabapple	1-1/2" cal.	
<i>Malus floribunda</i> 'Harvest Gold'	Flowering Crabapple	1-1/2" cal.	
<i>Malus</i> x 'Snowdrift'	Snowdrift Crabapple	1-1/2" cal.	
<i>Malus x zumi</i> 'Calocarpa'	Redbud Crabapple	1-1/2" cal.	
<i>Oxydendron arboreum</i>	Sourwood	1-1/2" cal.	6
<i>Prunus cerasifera</i> 'Thundercloud'	Thundercloud Purpleleaf Plum	1-1/2" cal.	1

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<i>Prunus</i> 'Kwanzan'	Kwanzan Cherry	1-1/2" cal.	1
<i>Prunus</i> 'Okame'	Okame Cherry	1-1/2" cal.	1
<i>Prunus subhirtella</i> 'Pendula Pink Cloud'	Pink Cloud Weeping Higan Cherry	1-1/2" cal.	1
<i>Prunus x yedoensis</i>	Yoshino Cherry	1-1/2" cal.	1
<i>Sassafras albidum</i>	Sassafras	1-1/2" cal.	6
<i>Styrax japonica</i>	Japanese Snowbell	1-1/2" cal.	
<i>Syringa reticulata</i>	Tree Lilac	1-1/2" cal.	

Evergreen Trees

<i>Cedrus atlantica</i>	Atlas Cedar	6' ht.	
<i>Cedrus deodara</i>	Deodar Cedar	4'-5' ht.	
<i>Chamaecyparis obtusa</i>	Hinoki False-cypress	6' ht.	
<i>Chamaecyparis pisifera</i>	Sawara False-cypress	6' ht.	
<i>Chamaecyparis thyoides</i>	Atlantic White Cedar	6' ht.	6*
<i>Cupressocyparis leylandii</i>	Leyland Cypress	6' ht.	
<i>Ilex</i> 'Nellie R. Stevens'	Nellie Stevens Holly	6' ht.	
<i>Ilex opaca</i>	American Holly	4'-5' ht.	6
<i>Ilex x aquipernyi</i> 'Meschick'	Dragon Lady Holly	4'-5' ht.	
<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	Eastern Red Cedar	6' ht.	6
<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>	Southern Magnolia	5'-6' ht.	6+
<i>Picea abies</i>	Norway Spruce	6' ht.	
<i>Picea omorika</i>	Serbian Spruce	6' ht.	
<i>Pinus strobus</i>	Eastern White Pine	6' ht.	6
<i>Thuja plicata</i> 'Green Giant'	Green Giant Arborvitae	6' ht.	

Shrubs, Broadleaf Evergreen

<i>Abelia x grandiflora</i>	Glossy Abelia	30" ht.	
<i>Buxus microphylla</i> var. <i>japonica</i> 'Winter Gem'	Winter Gem Boxwood	24" ht.	
<i>Buxus microphylla</i> var. <i>koreana</i> 'Wintergreen'	Wintergreen Boxwood	24" ht.	
<i>Ilex glabra</i>	Inkberry	30" ht.	6
<i>Ilex x meserveae</i> 'Blue Prince'	Blue Prince Holly	30" ht.	
<i>Ilex x meserveae</i> 'Blue Princess'	Blue Princess Holly	30" ht.	
<i>Kalmia latifolia</i>	Mountain Laurel	24" ht.	1, 6
<i>Leucothoe axillaris</i>	Coast Leucothoe	24" sprd.	6
<i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>	Oregon Grapeholly	24" ht.	6+
<i>Pieris japonica</i>	Japanese Pieris	24" ht.	
<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i> 'Otto Luyken'	Otto Luyken Cherry Laurel	24" ht.	1
<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i> 'Schipkaensis'	Skip Cherry Laurel	30" ht.	1
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Blaauw's Pink'	Blaauw's Pink Azalea	24" sprd.	1, 6
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Delaware Valley White'	Delaware Valley White Azalea	24" sprd.	1, 6
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Gumpo Pink'	Gumpo Pink Azalea	24" sprd.	1, 6
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Gumpo White'	Gumpo Pink Azalea	24" sprd.	1, 6
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Hershey Red'	Hershey Red Azalea	24" sprd.	1, 6
<i>Rhododendron</i> 'Hino Crimson'	Hino Crimson Azalea	24" sprd.	1, 6
<i>Rhododendron catawbiense</i> 'Album'	White Catawba Rhododendron	24" ht.	1, 6
<i>Rhododendron catawbiense</i> 'Roseum Elegans'	Roseum Elegans Rhododendron	24" ht.	1, 6

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<i>Rhododendron</i> ‘PJM’	PJM Rhododendron	24” ht.	1, 6
<i>Skimmia japonica</i>	Japanese Skimmia	18” sprd.	
<i>Viburnum rhytidophyllum</i>	Leatherleaf Viburnum	36” ht.	

Shrubs, Deciduous and Semi-Evergreen

<i>Aronia arbutifolia</i> ‘Brilliantissima’	Brilliant Red Chokeberry	24” ht.	6
<i>Callicarpa americana</i>	American Beautyberry	24” ht.	6
<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	New Jersey Tea	24” ht.	6
<i>Chaenomeles speciosa</i> ‘Texas Scarlet’	Flowering Quince	24” ht.	
<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>	Summersweet Clethra	30” ht.	6
<i>Cornus sericea</i> (formally <i>stolonifera</i>)	Red-Osier Dogwood	30” ht.	6
<i>Cotoneaster salicifolius</i> ‘Repens’	Willowleaf Cotoneaster	24” sprd.	
<i>Cotoneaster dammerii</i> ‘Coral Beauty’	Coral Beauty Cotoneaster	24” sprd.	
<i>Forsythia intermedia</i> ‘Spectabilis’	Showy Border Forsythia	24” ht.	4
<i>Forsythia suspensa</i> var. <i>sieboldii</i>	Siebold Weeping Forsythia	30” ht.	4
<i>Ilex verticillata</i>	Winterberry	30” ht.	6
<i>Itea virginica</i>	Virginia Sweetspire	24” ht.	6
<i>Myrica pensylvanica</i>	Northern Bayberry	24” ht.	6
<i>Rhododendron</i> Knaphill, Ghent, & Exbury Hybrids	Exbury Azaleas	24” sprd.	1
<i>Rhus aromatica</i> ‘Gro-low’	Gro-Low Fragrant Sumac	24” sprd.	6
<i>Viburnum carlesii</i>	Korean Spice Viburnum	30” ht.	
<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>	Arrowwood Viburnum	30” ht.	6
<i>Viburnum x juddii</i>	Judd Viburnum	30” ht.	
<i>Viburnum prunifolium</i>	Blackhaw Viburnum	30” ht.	6

Shrubs, Needle Evergreen

<i>Juniperus chinensis</i> ‘Pfitzeriana Compacta’	Compact Pfitzer Juniper	24” sprd.	
<i>Juniperus chinensis</i> ‘Sargentii’	Sargent Juniper	24” sprd.	
<i>Juniperus chinensis</i> ‘Sea Green’	Sea Green Juniper	24” sprd.	
<i>Juniperus horizontalis</i> ‘Plumosa’	Andorra Juniper	24” sprd.	
<i>Juniperus horizontalis</i> ‘Prince of Wales’	Prince of Wales Juniper	24” sprd.	
<i>Taxus baccata</i> ‘Repandens’	Spreading English Yew	24” sprd.	1
<i>Taxus cuspidata</i> ‘Nana’	Dwarf Japanese Yew	24” sprd.	1
<i>Taxus x media</i> ‘Densiformis’	Densiformis Yew	30” ht.	1
<i>Taxus x media</i> ‘Hicksii’	Hicks Yew	30” ht.	1
<i>Thuja occidentalis</i> ‘Hetzi Midget’	Hetzi Midget Arborvitae	24” ht.	

Comments

1. For informational purposes only: Be advised that these species should not be planted along project perimeters adjacent to horse pastures because the wilted leaves, flowers, or needles may be toxic to horses and other livestock. Further, the landscape designer is responsible to verify the selected plantings on all plans (adjacent to animal pastures) are not toxic to horses or livestock regardless of their indications on this list.
2. Per the recommendation of the Department of Public Works, planting these species will not be permitted in or adjacent to stormwater management facilities. These plants may have excessive leaf debris from large leaves or dense foliage, seedpods or fruit that pose maintenance problems.
3. Only thornless cultivars allowed.
4. DPZ must approve location.
5. Deciduous conifer
6. Native species or cultivar of native species. See definitions in 2026 Landscape Manual.
 - a. 6* coastal plain, confirm suitable for specific site

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- b. 6+ not Maryland Native, no credit for Native requirement
- 7. Identified as a nuisance and/or potential emerging threat by members of the manual update team. May be added to future invasives lists. Use sparingly.