



GROWING TOMORROW'S DETROIT

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List of Prohibited Trees and Plants for the City of Detroit

Do Not Plant: Trees	Genus	Species	Notes
Ash (all varieties, unless EAB resistant)	<i>Fraxinus</i>	<i>spp.</i>	Fatally prone to pests, although EAB resistant cultivars are in development
American Elm (native)	<i>Ulmus</i>	<i>americana</i>	Fatally prone to Dutch Elm disease; resistant cultivars are available
Black locust	<i>Robinia</i>	<i>pseudoacacia</i>	Aggressive spreader, cultivars can revert back to thorned native
Boxelder	<i>Acer</i>	<i>negundo</i>	Aggressive spreader, weak wood, attracts pests
Callery Pear (aka Flowering Pear, all species)	<i>Pyrus</i>	<i>saccharinum</i>	Invasive, weak wood, short lived, naturalizes backed to thorned form
Ginkgo (female)	<i>Ginkgo</i>	<i>biloba</i>	Messy, smelly fruit
European Black Alder	<i>Alnus</i>	<i>glutinosa</i>	Invasive, aggressive spreader
Honey locust (thorned)	<i>Gleditsia</i>	<i>tricanthos</i>	Overplanted. Messy fruit, prone to disease and numerous, painful thorns.
Norway Maple (any variety, incl. Crimson King, Emerald Luster, etc.)	<i>Acer</i>	<i>platanoides</i>	Invasive, aggressive spreader, particularly around natural areas.
Royal Paulownia (aka Princess tree)	<i>Paulownia</i>	<i>tomentosa</i>	Invasive, aggressive spreader
Siberian Elm	<i>Ulmus</i>	<i>pumila</i>	Aggressive spreader, prone to disease and pests, weak wood
Silver maple	<i>Acer</i>	<i>saccharinum</i>	Overplanted. Weak wood, shallow roots can damage sidewalks. May be appropriate in park or stormwater settings
Slippery Elm (aka Red Elm)	<i>Ulmus</i>	<i>rubra</i>	Fatally prone to disease and pests; native but considered weedy
Tree of Heaven	<i>Ailanthus</i>	<i>altissima</i>	Invasive, aggressive spreader, weak wood

Not Recommended, but OK in certain circumstances: Trees	Notes		
Catalpa	<i>Catalpa</i>	<i>speciosa</i>	Weak wood, messy fruits and flowers. Native. May be appropriate in park or stormwater settings.
Eastern Cottonwood	<i>Populus</i>	<i>deltooides</i>	Weak wood, messy fruits and flowers. Native. May be appropriate in park or stormwater settings.
Willow	<i>Salix</i>	<i>spp.</i>	Invasive, weak wood, prone to disease, shallow roots may clog sewers. May be appropriate in park or stormwater settings.
Mulberry (white)	<i>Morus</i>	<i>alba</i>	Non-native, messy fruit, seasonal allergy inducing pollen. Fruits are prolific and edible, providing socio-cultural value.
Osage Orange	<i>Maclura</i>	<i>pomifera</i>	Thorny wood, messy fruits and flowers. Native. May be appropriate in park or stormwater settings

Do Not Plant: Other Plants			
Amur Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera</i>	<i>maackii</i>	Invasive, aggressively spreads
Autumn Olive	<i>Elaeagnus</i>	<i>umbellata</i>	Invasive, aggressively spreads
Burning Bush (Winged Wahoo)	<i>Euonymus</i>	<i>alatus</i>	Invasive, aggressively spreads
Common Buckthorn	<i>Rhamnus</i>	<i>cathartica</i>	Invasive, aggressively spreads
Common Privet	<i>Ligustrum</i>	<i>obtusifolium</i>	Invasive, aggressively spreads
Glossy Buckthorn	<i>Frangula</i>	<i>alnus</i>	Invasive, aggressively spreads
Honeysuckle (all species)	<i>Lonicera</i>	<i>spp.</i>	Invasive, aggressively spreads
Japanese Angelica Tree	<i>Aralia</i>	<i>arata</i>	Invasive, aggressively spreads
Japanese Barberry	<i>Berberis</i>	<i>thunbergii</i>	Invasive, aggressively spreads
Japanese Knotweed	<i>Reynoutria</i>	<i>japonica</i>	Invasive, aggressively spreads
Oriental Bittersweet	<i>Celastrus</i>	<i>orbiculatus</i>	Invasive, aggressively spreads
Russian Olive	<i>Elaeagnus</i>	<i>angustifolia</i>	Invasive, aggressively spreads
Sweet Autumn Clematis	<i>Clematis</i>	<i>terniflora</i>	Invasive, aggressively spreads
Russian Olive	<i>Elaeagnus</i>	<i>angustifolia</i>	Invasive, aggressively spreads
Sweet Autumn Clematis	<i>Clematis</i>	<i>terniflora</i>	Invasive, aggressively spreads