

## TREES & SHRUBS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR CITY USE

Scientific Name	Common Name	Comments
<i>Acer negundo</i>	Boxelder	Poor form, weak wood
<i>A. saccharinum</i>	Silver maple	Weak wood
<i>A. saccharum</i>	Sugar maple	Invasive to nearby woodland
<i>Aesculus spp.</i>	Horsechestnut, buckeye	Foliar diseases, poisonous nuts
<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	"Tree-of-Heaven", stinktree	Very invasive, weak-wooded.
<i>Betula pendula</i>	European white birch	Borers, low stress tolerance, short-lived
<i>Catalpa speciosa</i>	Catalpa	Littering fruit pods
<i>Eleangus umbellata</i> <i>E. angustifolia</i>	Autumn olive Russian olive	Invasive
<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>	Honeylocust	Large, dangerous thorns, littering seed pods
<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>	Ginkgo (female)	Foul-smelling fruit
<i>Maclura pomifera</i>	Osage orange, Bois D'arc	Large prolific fruit balls, thorns
<i>Paulownia tomentosa</i>	Royal paulownia, Empress tree	Messy. Questionable hardiness in Zone 5. Short-lived
<i>Populus spp.</i>	Poplar	Weak-wooded.
<i>Pyrus calleryana</i>	Bradford or Callery Pear	Invasive, weak wood
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	Black locust	Invasive, has thorns
<i>Sassafras albidum</i>	Sassafras	Suckers prolifically
<i>Sorbus spp.</i>	Mountain ash	Short-lived, borers
<i>Ulmus spp.</i>	Non-Dutch elm disease resistant elms	Dutch elm disease kills non-resistant varieties quickly.

### NOTES:

- Some trees are not recommended in certain conditions, like evergreens (pines, spruces, firs, junipers) near roads where they can block visibility. These are very valuable trees for planting on the windward side of buildings to block cold winter winds, however, saving energy and adding wildlife habitat.
- Yews can provide protection around the foundation of houses from winter weather, but the berries are poisonous and attractive to children and sometimes pets.
- Black walnut is a good wildlife and timber tree, but has large messy nuts and the roots put out a chemical toxic to tomatoes and some other desirable plants.
- Non-native honeysuckles – Amur, Tartarian, Morrow's (shrubs) and Japanese (a vine) are all VERY INVASIVE and have already spread throughout much of Illinois.
- Buckthorn, European privet, winged wahoo, and multiflora rose are also very invasive and **SHOULD NOT BE PLANTED** under any circumstances!