

Right Tree Right Place

Low Growing Trees That May Be Suitable For Planting Near Distribution Lines:

When selecting trees to plant underneath or near utility pole lines, it is important to select smaller sized trees to minimize conflicts with overhead electrical construction equipment and wires. By selecting smaller trees, the need for line clearance pruning is minimized or eliminated all together.

The following list of trees should be compatible with overhead Distribution facilities. Local conditions should prevail in selecting the species in any specific location:

Ash, Snowberry	<i>Sorbus discolor</i>
Cherry, Accolade Flowering	<i>Prunus sargentii</i> “Accolade”
Cherry, Amanogawa	<i>Prunus serrulata</i> “Amanogawa”
Cherry, Cornelian	<i>Cornus mas</i>
Crabapple, Red Baron	<i>Malus</i> “Red Baron”
Crabapple, Narragansett	<i>Malus</i> “Narragansett”
Crabapple, Prairifire	<i>Malus</i> ‘Prairifire’
Crabapple, Red Bud Flowering	<i>Maluszumni calocarpa</i>
Crabapple, Snow Drift	<i>Malus</i> ‘Snowdrift’
Crabapple, Sugar Tyme	<i>Malus</i> ‘Sutyzam’
Dogwood, Celestial*	<i>Cornus</i> “Rutdan”
Dogwood, Constellation*	<i>Cornus</i> “Rutcan”
Dogwood, Kousa	<i>Cornus kousa</i>
Dogwood, Kousa National	<i>Cornus kousa</i> ‘National’
Dogwood, Ruth Ellen*	<i>Cornus</i> “Rutlan”
Dogwood, Stellar Pink*	<i>Cornus</i> “Rutgan”
Dogwood, White Flowering	<i>Cornus florida</i>
Fringe Tree	<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i>
Golden Chain Tree	<i>Laburnum anagyroides</i>
Hawthorn, Crusader	<i>Crataegus crus-galli inermis</i> ‘Cruzam’
Hornbeam, Japanese*	<i>Carpinus japonica</i>
Ivory Silk Tree Lilac	<i>Syringa amurensis japonica</i> “Ivory Silk”
Japanese Tree Lilac	<i>Syringa amurensis japonica</i>
Magnolia, Oyama	<i>Magnolia sieboldii</i>
Magnolia, Wada’s Memory*	<i>Magnolia</i> “Wada’s Memory”

Maple, Amur	<i>Acer ginnala</i> “Flame”
Maple, Hedge*	<i>Acer campestre</i>
Maple, Japanese	<i>Acer palmatum</i>
Maple, Purpleblow	<i>Acer truncatum</i>
Maple, R. Slippers Amur	<i>Acer ginnala</i> 'Ruby Slippers'
Maple, Tartarian	<i>Acer tataricum</i>
Pear, Korean Sun	<i>Pyrus fauriei</i> 'Westwood'
Plum, Newport Purpleleaf	<i>Prunus cerasifera</i> “Newport”
Redbud, American	<i>Cercis canadensis</i>
Shadblow, Cumulus	<i>Amelanchier laevis</i> “Cumulus”
Shadblow, Pink	<i>Amelanchier x grandiflora</i> “Robin Hill”
Silverbell, Jersey Belle	<i>Halesia carolina</i> ‘Jersey Belle’
Silverbell, Magniflora Two-winged	<i>Halesia diptera</i> “Magniflora”
Snowbell, Japanese	<i>Styrax japonicus</i>
Sourwood	<i>Oxydendrum arboretum</i>
Stewartia, Korean	<i>Stewartia koreana</i>
Trinity Flowering Pear	<i>Pyrus calleryana</i> ‘Trinity’

* - Trees may grow over 25 feet in height and will need to be trimmed in order to maintain a height that does not exceed 25 feet. Not all of these species are suitable to plant in the border zone of the Transmission system.