

Recommended trees for St. Louis Park

Streets and boulevards

Below is a list of streets that are recommended for streets and boulevards.

Deciduous trees – hardwoods or trees that lose their leaves in the fall

Common name	Scientific name
Basswood	Tilia Americana
Elm	Ulmus Americana - 'Accolade'
Elm	Ulmus Americana – 'Princeton'
Ginkgo	Ginkgo biloba
Hackberry	Celtis occidentalis
Honeylocust	Gleditsia triacanthos var. inermis 'Skyline'
American Linden	Tilia Americana 'Boulevard'
Bur Oak	Quercus bicolor
Swamp White Oak	Quercus bicolor
White Oak	Quercus alba Smaller
Sycamore	Platanus occidentalis
Kentucky Coffeetree	Gymnocladus dioicus
River Birch (single stem)	Betula nigra
London Planetree	Platanus acerifolia

Smaller trees for under utility lines or confined spaces

Common name	Scientific name
Amur Corktree	Maackia amurensis
Amur Maackia	Maackia amurensis
Blue Beech	Carpinus caroliniana
Chokecherry	Prunus virginiana
Crabapple	Malus spp. 'Prairifire', 'Coralburst', Spring Snow' or 'Red Splendor'
Dogwood Pagoda	Cornus alternifolia
Hawthorn (thornless)	Crataegus crusgalli var. inermis
Ironwood	Ostrya virginiana
Japanese tree lilac	Syringa reticulata 'Ivory Silk'
Pin cherry	Prunus pensylvanica
Serviceberry	Amelanchier spp. or grandiflora 'Autumn Brilliance'

Yards, away from streets

The list for streets/boulevards is also fine for yards. The following are additional trees, but the list is not exhaustive. This should be a good start for native trees that do well in our climate.

Deciduous trees

Common name

Apple
Aspen – Bigtooth
Aspen – Quaking
Paper Birch
River Birch
Ohio buckeye
Catalpa
Hawthorn
Kentucky coffee tree
Northern Red Oak
Tamarack
Autumn Blaze Maple

Scientific name

Malus spp.
Populus grandidentata ‘Bigtooth’
Populus tremuloides
Betula papyrifera
Betula nigra
Aesculus glabra
Catalpa speciosa
Crataegus spp.
Gymnocladus dioicus
Quercus rubra
Larix laricina
Acer fremanii ‘Sienna’

Coniferous trees – “Evergreens”

Most are fine, Colorado blue spruce (*Picea pungens*) is not recommended.

Common name

White Fir
Eastern White Pine
Red/Norway Pine
Austrian Pine
Black Spruce
Norway spruce
White Spruce
Arborvitae/Northern White Cedar

Scientific name

Abies concolor
Pinus strobus (needs room to grow)
Pinus resinosa
Pinus nigra
Picea mariana
Picea abies
Picea glauca
Thuja occidentalis

Additional resources

For more information, visit these websites:

- Minnesota Department of Transportation Plant Selector: <http://plantselector.dot.state.mn.us/MainFrame.html>
- University of Minnesota Arboretum: <http://www.arboretum.umn.edu> or <http://plantinfo.umn.edu/>
- For rain gardens, native plants, etc.: <http://bluethumb.org>