

City of Delaware, OH Tree Planting Restrictions

Please view **Chapter 907** of the Delaware City Code to find ordinances on public and private trees and shrubs in the City.

If you wish to view a list of trees approved for tree lawn planting in the City of Delaware, please refer to the “City of Delaware, OH Street Tree Program Guide”. These trees have a history of good performance with limited insect, disease, or infrastructure problems while tolerating the more challenging environment of a curb side planting.

Please contact the City at 740-203-1810 with any questions related to planting trees.

The following list provides names of trees not recommended within 10-15 feet sidewalks, not recommended for planting anywhere in the City, and trees not permitted for planting anywhere in the City without approval.

Trees not permitted on City tree lawns and not recommended within 10-15 feet of sidewalks or bike paths:

Apple (*Malus sp.*), Cherry (*Prunus sp.*), Pear (*Pyrus sp.*) Fruit Trees: Messy fruit, Low branching, Suckering roots
Crabapples (*Malus sp.*): Messy fruit, Low branching
Female Gingko (*Gingko biloba*): Messy, Odiferous fruit
Mulberry (*Morus sp.*): Messy fruit
Sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*): Messy fruit
Buckeyes and Horsechestnuts (*Aesculus sp.*): Dangerous, Messy fruit
Walnut (*Juglans sp.*): Dangerous, Messy fruit
Hickory (*Carya sp.*): Messy fruit
Catalpa (*Catalpa speciosa*): Messy fruit
Black Locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*): Messy fruit, Thorns, Brittle branches
Conifers (Spruces, Pines, Junipers, Firs, and others): Low, wide branching
Box Elder (*Acer negundo*): Low branching, Poor structure, Weedy
Tuliptree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*): Heavy seed production

Trees not permitted on City tree lawns and not recommended for planting anywhere in the City:

Silver Maple (*Acer saccharinum*): Weak structure, Surface roots, Invasive roots
Buckthorn (*Rhamnus sp.*): Invasive
Tree-of-heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*): Invasive
Siberian and Lacebark Elm: Weak structure, Invasive
Ornamental Pears, especially Callery Pear (*Pyrus sp.*): Messy fruit, Poor structure, Highly invasive
European Mountain Ash (*Sorbus aucuparia*): Messy fruit, Low branching
American, Red, Moline, and other native Elms (*Ulmus sp.*): Dutch Elm Disease
Green, White, Black Ash, and other native Ash trees (*Fraxinus sp.*): Emerald Ash Borer

Trees forbidden in the City per Ordinance 907.07 of the Delaware City Code:

No person shall plant Poplar (*Populus sp.*), Willow (*Salix sp.*), or Cottonwood (*Populus deltoides*) trees anywhere in the City unless the City Manager approves the site as one where the tree roots will not interfere with public water or sewer lines or waterways.

Note: This document is subject to change on a continual basis.