

City of Oakland - Street Tree List

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These tree species are approved for planting in the public right of way in the City of Oakland.

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trident maple	<i>Acer buergerianum</i>	20-25'	15-25'	4'	Yes	No	Moderate	Slow	Deciduous	Low	Low	Moderate	Fall color, bark			x	
evergreen maple	<i>Acer paxii</i>	30-40'	25-35'	5'	No	No	Moderate	Moderate	Evergreen	Low	Moderate	Low	Foliage			x	
Shangtung maple	<i>Acer truncatum</i>	10-20'	15-20'	3'	Yes	No	High	Slow	Deciduous	Low	Low	Low	Fall color			x	
California buckeye	<i>Aesculus californica</i>	20-30'	20-50'	8'	Yes	Yes	High	Slow	Drought deciduous	Large seeds	Moderate	Moderate	Structure, fruit				x
African fern pine	<i>Afrocarpus gracilior</i>	40-60'	25-35'	5'	No	No	High	Moderate	Evergreen	Low	Moderate	High	Green screen			x	x
Sydney red gum	<i>Angophora costata</i>	50-70'	406-60'	6'	No	No	High	Fast	Evergreen	Moderate	High	Moderate	Structure, bark	x	x	x	
marina madrone	<i>Arbutus 'Marina'</i>	20-40'	20-40'	4'	No	No	Moderate	Moderate	Evergreen	Moderate fruit drop	Low	High	Bark, foliage,		x	x	x
compact strawberry tree	<i>Arbutus unedo 'Compacta'</i>	10-20'	10-20'	8'	Yes	No	High	Slow	Evergreen	High fruit potential	Low	Moderate	Flowers, trunk, fruit		x	x	x
king palm	<i>Archontophoenix cunninghamiana</i>	35-60'	10-20'	3'	No	No	High	Moderate	Evergreen	Moderate	Low	High	Form, flowers		x	x	
gold medallion tree	<i>Cassia leptophylla</i>	15-25'	20-35'	3'	Yes	No	High	Slow	Evergreen	Moderate	Low	Moderate	Flowers			x	
atlas cedar	<i>Cedrus atlantica</i>	60-100'	30-45'	6'	No	No	Very high	Fast	Evergreen	Low	High	Low	Structure			x	x
fastigate blue atlas cedar	<i>Cedrus atlantica 'Glauca Fastigata'</i>	40-60'	25-35'	6'	No	No	Very high	Moderate	Evergreen	Low	High	Low	Bluish foliage			x	x
ghost gum	<i>Corymbia aparrerinja</i>	50-70'	30-40'	6'	No	No	Very high	Fast	Evergreen	Moderate	High	Low	Bluish foliage	x	x	x	
lemon-scented gum	<i>Corymbia citriodora</i>	60-80'	20-30'	6'	No	No	High	Fast	Evergreen	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Bark, structure		x	x	
red flowering gum	<i>Corymbia ficifolia</i>	25-40'	30-50'	6'	No	No	Very high	Fast	Evergreen	High	High	Low	flowers		x	x	
bronze loquat	<i>Eriobotrya deflexa</i>	15-25'	20-30'	3'	Yes	No	Moderate	Moderate	Evergreen	Moderate	Low	Moderate	Foliage, flowers			x	

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silver dollar gum	<i>Eucalyptus polyanthemos</i>	60-80'	40-50'	6'	No	No	Very high	Very fast	Evergreen	Moderate	High	Low	Bluish foliage	x	x	x	
swamp malee	<i>Eucalyptus spathulata</i>	20-40'	25-35'	5'	No	No	Very high	Moderate	Evergreen	Low	Low	Moderate	Bark, structure	x	x	x	
weeping fig	<i>Ficus benjamina</i>	25-30'	15-25'	6'	Yes	No	High	Fast	Evergreen	Low	Moderate	Moderate	Growth, habit		x	x	
rusty leaf fig	<i>Ficus rubiginosa</i>	30-50'	25-50'	8'	No	No	High	Fast	Evergreen	Low	High	Moderate	Foliage		x	x	
sweet hakea	<i>Hakea drupacea</i>	15-20'	15-25'	3'	Yes	No	Very high	Slow	Evergreen	Low	Low	Low	Foliage, flowers	x	x	x	
pink trumpet tree	<i>Handroanthus heptaphyllus</i>	15-25'	20-30'	4'	Yes	No	High	Moderate	Semi-evergreen	Low	Low	Moderate	Flowers			x	x
toyon, Davis Gold	<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i> 'Davis Gold'	10-30'	10-20'	3'	Yes	Yes	High	Moderate	Evergreen	Berries	Low	Low	Yellow berries				x
Hollywood juniper	<i>Juniperus chinensis</i> 'Torulosa'	20-30'	10-30'	3'	Yes	No	Very high	Slow	Evergreen	Low	Low	Moderate	Structure	x	x	x	x
flamegold	<i>Koelreuteria elegans</i>	40-60'	35-45'	6'	No	No	High	Fast	Semi-evergreen	Moderate	Moderate	Low	Flowers			x	
crape myrtle, Choctaw	<i>Lagerstroemia</i> 'Choctaw'	15-25'	15-25'	4'	Yes	No	High	Slow	Deciduous	Low	Low	Low	Fall color, flower,				x
crape myrtle, Muskogee	<i>Lagerstroemia</i> 'Muskogee'	15-25'	15-25'	3'	Yes	No	High	Slow	Deciduous	Low	Low	High	Fall color, flowers,				x
crape myrtle, Natchez	<i>Lagerstroemia</i> 'Natchez'	20-30'	25-35'	4'	Yes	No	High	Moderate	Deciduous	Low	Low	High	Fall color,				x
crape myrtle, Tuscarora	<i>Lagerstroemia</i> 'Tuscarora'	15-20'	10-15'	3'	Yes	No	High	Slow	Deciduous	Low	Low	High	Flowers, bark				x
Brisbane box	<i>Lophostemon confertus</i>	40-60'	25-40'	5'	No	No	Moderate	Moderate	Evergreen	Low	Moderate	High	Bark			x	x
macadamia	<i>Macadamia integrifolia</i>	25-35'	20-30'	6'	No	No	High	Moderate	Evergreen	Moderate fruit	Moderate	Low	Foliage, fruit			x	x
caieput tree	<i>Melaleuca quinquenervia</i>	20-35'	15-35'	4'	No	No	Very high	Moderate	Evergreen	Low	Moderate	High	Bark, flower	x	x	x	
New Zealand Christmas tree/Pohutukawa	<i>Metrosideros excelsa</i>	30-40'	25-40'	6'	No	No	High	Moderate	Evergreen	Low	High	High	Flowers, foliage	x	x	x	

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olive, Swan Hill (single stem)	<i>Olea 'Swan Hill'</i>	20-30'	25-35'	6'	Yes	No	High	Moderate	Evergreen	Low (proven fruitless variety)	High	High	Structure, foliage		x	x	x
Canary Island pine	<i>Pinus canariensis</i>	60-100'	20-40'	8'	No	No	Very high	Fast	Evergreen	Large cones, limb failure	High	High	Foliage, bark		x	x	x
leccote pine	<i>Pinus patula</i>	40-60'	35-60'	6'	No	No	High	Fast	Evergreen	Low	High	Low	Foliage, bark			x	x
Torrey Pine	<i>Pinus torreyana</i>	60-120'	40-90'	6'	No	Yes	Very high	Very fast	Evergreen	Big cones	High	Moderate	Bluish foliage		x	x	x
Chinese pistache	<i>Pistacia chinensis</i>	30-40'	25-40'	5'	No	No	Very high	Moderate	Deciduous	Low	Moderate	High	Fall color				x
Red Push pistache	<i>Pistacia x 'Red Push'</i>	30-50'	30-50'	5'	No	No	Very high	Moderate	Semi-evergreen	Low	Moderate	Moderate	New growth coloration			x	x
Roberts California sycamore	<i>Platanus racemosa 'Roberts'</i>	50-90'	30-60'	6'	No	Yes	Moderate	Very fast	Deciduous	Moderate	High	Low	Bark, structure			x	
Catalina cherry	<i>Prunus lyonii</i>	15-30'	10-30'	8'	Yes	Yes	High	Moderate	Evergreen	High fruit potential	Low	Moderate	Flower, foliage			x	x
WestMex red oak	<i>Quercus albocincta</i>	25-40'	20-35'	5'	No	No	High	Moderate	Evergreen	Low acorn potential	Moderate	Low	Foliage			x	x
Torrey's hybrid oak	<i>Quercus acutidens</i>	15-25'	15-35'	4'	Yes	Yes	High	Slow	Evergreen	Low acorn potential	Low	Low	Please click here to see the Plant Your Own City Tree Standards for more information about planting.			x	x
coast live oak	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	40-80'	30-100'	6'	No	Yes	High	Moderate	Evergreen	Acorns, dripping exudate	Moderate	High	Structure, foliage				x
Aleppo oak	<i>Quercus boissieri</i>	30-40'	30-50'	5'	No	No	High	Moderate	Deciduous	Low acorn	Moderate	Low	Fall color			x	x
Mexican red oak	<i>Quercus canbyi</i>	35-50'	25-45'	5'	No	No	Moderate	Fast	Semi-evergreen	Low acorn potential	Moderate	Low	Winter color			x	

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chestnut leaf oak	<i>Quercus castaneifolia</i>	50-100'	30-60'	6'	No	No	High	Very fast	Deciduous	High acorn potential	High	Low	Size, structure			x	x
Engelmann oak	<i>Quercus engelmannii</i>	40-80'	30-100'	5'	No	Yes	High	Moderate	Semi-	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Bluish			x	x
escarpment oak	<i>Quercus fusiformis</i>	40-60'	25-40'	5'	No	No	Very high	Moderate	Semi-evergreen	Moderate acorn potential	Moderate	Moderate	Foliage, structure			x	x
Mount Lemmon super gambel	<i>Quercus gambelii</i> hybrid	35-60'	25-40'	5'	No	No	High	Moderate	Deciduous	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Fall color,			x	x
Chisos red oak	<i>Quercus gravesii</i>	25-35'	15-30'	4'	No	No	High	Moderate	Late deciduous	Low acorn potential	Low	Low	Winter color			x	x
silverleaf oak	<i>Quercus hypoleucoides</i>	30-60'	20-40'	5'	No	No	High	Moderate	Evergreen	Low acorn potential	Low	Moderate	Bicolor foliage			x	x
encino tezahuatl	<i>Quercus mexicana</i>	40-60'	30-50'	5'	No	No	High	Fast	Evergreen	Low acorn potential	Moderate	Low	Structure			x	x
Mexican blue oak	<i>Quercus oblongifolia</i>	40-60'	30-80'	5'	No	No	High	Moderate	Evergreen	Low acorn potential	Moderate	Low	Bluish foliage			x	x
Pyrenees oak	<i>Quercus pyrenaica</i>	40-60'	30-50'	5'	No	No	High	Moderate	Deciduous	Moderate acorn potential	High	Low	Fall color			x	x
netleaf oak	<i>Quercus rugosa</i>	40-70'	25-45'	5'	No	No	High	Fast	Evergreen	High acorn potential	Moderate	Moderate	New growth, foliage		x	x	
Sartor's oak	<i>Quercus sartorii</i>	35-60'	25-45'	5'	No	No	Moderate	Fast	Evergreen	Low acorn potential	Moderate	Low	Foliage			x	
cork oak	<i>Quercus suber</i>	40-80'	30-60'	6'	No	No	Very high	Fast	Semi-evergreen	Moderate acorn potential	Moderate	High	Bark		x	x	x
island oak	<i>Quercus tomentella</i>	40-70'	30-50'	5'	No	No	High	Moderate	Evergreen	Low acorn potential	Moderate	High	Foliage		x	x	x
Macedonian oak	<i>Quercus trojana</i>	25-35'	20-30'	4'	No	No	High	Moderate	Deciduous	Low, some acorns	Low	low	Structure, fall color				x
southern live oak	<i>Quercus virginiana</i>	30-50'	40-80'	6'	No	No	High	Moderate	Semi-evergreen	Low acorn potential	High	High	Structure, foliage		x	x	
Compton oak	<i>Quercus x comptoniae</i>	40-60'	30-50'	5'	No	No	High	Fast	Deciduous	Moderate acorn potential	Moderate	Moderate	Fall color			x	
soapbark tree	<i>Quillaja saponaria</i>	40-60'	25-35'	4'	No	No	Moderate	Moderate	Evergreen	Low	Low	Low	Structure, foliage			x	x
water gum	<i>Tristaniaops laurina</i>	10-30'	10-25'	3'	Yes	No	Moderate	Slow	Evergreen	Low	Low	High	Bark, foliage			x	

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