

TREE DESCRIPTIONS

Eastern Red Bud - *Cercis canadensis*



Mature size: 25 ft wide x 30 ft tall

Grows sun or shade.

Has pink to purple flowers in spring. Suitable as an ornamental close to house or in understory.

Do not plant closer than 8 ft from a structure and plant trees 15 to 20 feet apart. Fast growing!

Limited number available

Persimmon - *Diospyros virginiana*



Mature size – 15-60 ft tall

Grows best in full sun

A southeastern U.S. native tree that is easily recognized in winter by its unusual rugged bark

Thick, dark green leaves turn a yellow fall color.

Female trees produce large orange-brown fleshy fruit that are edible after the first frost.

Shell or Shagbark Hickory - *Carya laciniosa*

Is in the the [Juglandaceae](#) or walnut family

Mature size- 75 wide x 120 ft tall but very slow growing

It is not a tree to plant close to your house.

Grows sun or shade. Has edible nut. In the southern US they are used like walnuts and pecans.



Bald Cypress-*Taxodium distichum*



Mature size- 25 ft wide x 70 ft tall is a deciduous conifer.

Requires sunlight

Hardy and tough, this tree adapts to a wide range of soil types, whether wet, dry, or swampy. It is noted for the russet-red fall color of its lacy needles.

HOW TO PLANT A TREE

Plant the right tree in the right place

Select a place that is big enough for the tree when it is a mature size. Do not plant a tree that will grow to 100 ft in height close to your house.

Select a place that has the right amount of sun or shade for the species.

Do not plant the tree on top of utility lines or drainage easements. The tree may be little now but 5-10 years from now its roots may damage utility lines. Call before you dig! 1-888-258-0808. At least 72 hours in advance of planting, call the underground utility locating service in your area to be sure that there are no buried utilities where you want to plant. Most services will mark utilities (e.g., electric, cable, gas) for free.

Select a place where the mature tree will be compatible with existing trees and shrubs.

Have deer fencing or caging and stakes on hand to protect the young tree from deer from the get-go.

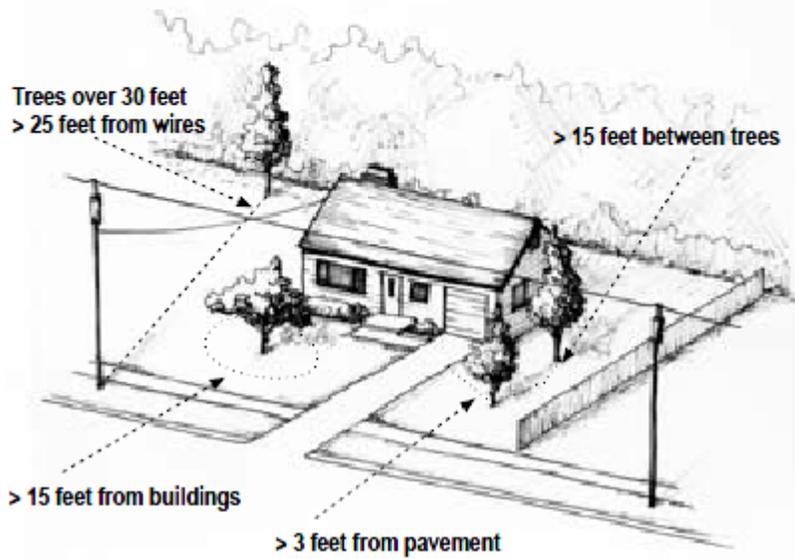
⚠ Your tree will grow.

Do not plant your tree where it will interfere with buildings, overhead utility lines, pavement, or intersection sightlines as it gets bigger.

Make sure your planting spot is at least. . .

- 3 feet from pavement or fencing on all sides
- 15 feet from buildings or other trees
- 25 feet from overhead electric wires, if your tree will grow taller than 30 feet.

If your tree will grow taller than 30 feet, do not plant it within 25 feet of overhead electric wires.



Planting your new saplings

Planting in spring or fall is best for most trees. A tree planted in July will need extra care to survive. A plant that has been in a greenhouse or a shaded located should be gradually acclimated to full sun. Plants, like humans, can suffer sunburn and windburn. The tree saplings have bare roots and may be dormant, so they do not yet have leaves. The chances of survival are greatest if the sapling is put in a pot and kept watered well until fall in the yard. If you plant it in a pot, make sure the pot is deep enough that a few inches of soil can be placed below the root tip and is wide enough to accommodate the width of the root growth. When planting in your yard dig a hole deeper than you need and add a little peat moss, compost, or potting soil to supplement your yard soil. Allow the root to stretch fully down and out and fill around the sapling gently. Cover only the roots with soil. Do not cover the shoot/stem of the sapling with soil. Water well. Water daily for several weeks and gradually reduce watering. Trees need routine watering during dry spells for the first three years.

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Your Name _____ Requested by NJ Dept. of Forestry
Your email address _____

Available saplings

Number requested

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