



# TREES FOR CONTAINERS

This list represents a selection of trees and shrubs (easily pruned into tree form) especially suited for use in container plantings. All have rather slow growth habits and well-behaved roots.

For most trees, we recommend as large a container as possible: 3+ feet wide by 2+ feet deep if feasible, and never smaller than 18 inches wide x 18 inches deep. If you must go smaller, consider dwarf plants (see our "Evergreen Plants for Containers" handout), keeping the tree in your container only 2 to 3 years before transplanting it into the ground, or maintaining it as bonsai.

Please keep in mind that in any container — no matter how large — a tree's root system will be much smaller than what it would attain in the ground. And soil in a container tends to dry out and freeze quicker than normal. So consistent watering is a must. Some trees may need protection during a major freeze. If your tree is on a deck or balcony, consider weight and wind factors. Frequent pruning can help maintain a tree's size and health. And some trees may benefit from occasional root pruning.

For more detailed information about individual plants, please refer to individual cultivar signs, or consult one of our nursery professionals.

## SMALL DECIDUOUS TREES

VINE MAPLE	<i>Acer circinatum</i>
AMUR (TARTARIAN) MAPLE	<i>Acer ginnala</i>
PAPERBARK MAPLE	<i>Acer griseum</i>
JAPANESE MAPLE	<i>Acer palmatum</i> Cultivars (under 12 feet)
SERVICEBERRY	<i>Amelanchier x grandiflora</i> Cultivars
AVONDALE CHINESE REDBUD	<i>Cercis chinensis 'Avondale'</i>
FRINGE TREE	<i>Chionanthus species</i>
PAGODA DOGWOOD	<i>Cornus alternifolia</i>
CRAPE MYRTLE	<i>Lagerstroemia indica</i> Cultivars
STAR MAGNOLIA	<i>Magnolia stellata</i>
OYAMA MAGNOLIA	<i>Magnolia seiboldii</i>
WEeping FLOWERING CHERRY	<i>Prunus subhirtella 'Pendula'</i>
STAGHORN SUMAC	<i>Rhus typhina</i>
STEWARTIA	<i>Stewartia species</i>

## SMALL BROADLEAF EVERGREEN TREES

LITTLE GEM MAGNOLIA	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i> 'Little Gem'
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## SMALL EVERGREEN CONIFER TREES

HINOKI CYPRESS	<i>Chamaecyparis obtusa</i> 'Gracilis', C.
<b>o. 'Compacta'</b>	
PLUME CRYPTOMERIA	<i>Cryptomeria japonica</i> 'Elegans'
SWANE'S GOLDEN ITALIAN CYPRESS	<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i> 'Swane's Golden'
TINY TOWER ITALIAN CYPRESS	<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i> 'Tiny Tower'
HOLLYWOOD JUNIPER	<i>Juniperus chinensis 'Kaizuka'</i>
DWARF ALBERTA SPRUCE	<i>Picea glauca 'Conica'</i>
BRISTLEcone PINE	<i>Pinus aristata</i>
MUGO PINE	<i>Pinus mugo mugo</i>
YEW PINE	<i>Podocarpus macrophyllus</i>
UMBRELLA PINE	<i>Sciadopitys verticillata</i>
YEW	<i>Taxus species</i>

## DECIDUOUS SHRUBS EASILY PRUNED AS TREES

CAROLINA SPICEBUSH	<i>Calycanthus floridus</i>
GLORYBOWER	<i>Clerodendrum</i> <i>trichotomum</i>
CONTORTED FILBERT	<i>Corylus avellana 'Contorta'</i>
SMOKETREE	<i>Cotinus coggygria</i>

DECIDUOUS SHRUBS EASILY PRUNED AS TREES (cont'd)

REDVEIN ENKIANTHUS	<i>Enkianthus campanulatus</i>
WITCHHAZEL	<i>Hamamelis species</i>
ROSE-OF-SHARON	<i>Hibiscus syriacus</i> Cultivars
SEA BUCKTHORN	<i>Hippophae rhamnoides</i>
DWARF POMEGRANATE	<i>Punica granatum 'Nana'</i>
NARROWLEAF BUCKTHORN	<i>Rhamnus frangula</i> 'Asplenifolia'
TWISTY BABE LOCUST	<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> 'Twisty Babe'
CUTLEAF LILAC	<i>Syringa persica laciniata</i>
DOUBLEFILE VIBURNUM	<i>Viburnum plic. tomentosum</i> Cultivars
WAYFARING VIBURNUM	<i>Viburnum lantana 'Mohican'</i>

EVERGREEN SHRUBS EASILY PRUNED AS TREES

STRAWBERRY TREE	<i>Arbutus unedo</i>
PARNEY COTONEASTER	<i>Cotoneaster lacteus</i>
SILVERBERRY	<i>Eleagnus pungens</i> Cultivars
JAPANESE EUONYMUS	<i>Euonymus japonica</i> Cultivars
JAPANESE HOLLY	<i>Ilex crenata</i> Cultivars
SWEET BAY LAUREL	<i>Laurus nobilis</i>
WAXLEAF PRIVET	<i>Ligustrum texanum</i>
CALIFORNIA WAX MYRTLE	<i>Myrica californica</i>
PHOTINIA	<i>Photinia fraserii</i>
ANDROMEDA	<i>Pieris japonica</i> Cultivars
PORTUGAL LAUREL	<i>Prunus lusitanica</i>
FIRETHORN	<i>Pyracantha species</i>
RHODODENDRONS & varieties 5 feet)	<b><i>Rhododendron species</i></b> <b>hybrids - tall</b> <b>(over</b>

SHRUBS COMMONLY SOLD AS STANDARDS  
(PRE-TRAINED AS SINGLE TRUNK AND/OR TOPIARY)

ROSE-OF-SHARON	<i>Hibiscus syriacus</i> Cultivars
YAUPON HOLLY	<i>Ilex vomitoria</i>
SPARTAN JUNIPER	<i>Juniperus chinensis</i> 'Blue Point'
SPARTAN JUNIPER	<i>Juniperus chinensis</i> 'Spartan'
WAXLEAF PRIVET	<i>Ligustrum texanum</i>
PHOTINIA	<i>Photinia fraserii</i>
VARIEGATED SHRUB WILLOW	<i>Salix integra 'Hakuro-Nishiki'</i>
ARCTIC BLUE WILLOW	<i>Salix purpurea</i>
KOREAN LILAC	<i>Syringa meyeri 'Palbin'</i>
ARBORVITAE Cultivars	<i>Thuja occidentalis</i>