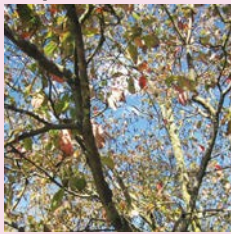




# Tree Selection Chart

We're here to help you find the right tree for your home, so take this chart with you when shopping for a new tree! The chart highlights key characteristics of trees that we recommend for City of Bowie residents. These trees may be labeled as local or native trees. Get more informatin at your local nursery or from a local tree specialist!

■ Can often be planted under a utility line.



American Flowering Dogwood



River Birch



American Elm



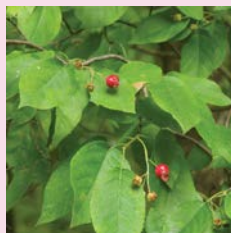
White Oak



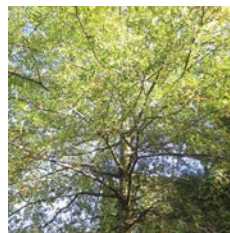
Swamp White Oak



Eastern Redbud



Downy Serviceberry



Willow Oak



American Sweetgum



Black Tupelo or Gum



American Red Maple

Tree Name (may vary)	Height	Width	Privacy & Shade	Drought Tolerant	Growth Rate	Roots
■ American Flowering Dogwood (Cherokee Princess cultivar preferred)	< 30ft	<25ft	Low	No	Slow	Shallow
■ Eastern Redbud (Forest Pansy, Merlot, Rising Sun cultivars ok)	< 30ft	25-40ft	Low	No	Medium	Medium-Deep
■ Downy Serviceberry (prefers shade)	< 30ft	25-40ft	Low	No	Medium	Medium-Deep
River Birch (Heritage Cultivar preferred)	>30ft	>40ft	High	No	Medium-Fast	Shallow
American Elm (only Princeton & Valley Forge cultivars)	>30ft	>40ft	Low	No	Fast	Shallow
White Oak	>30ft	>40ft	High	Yes	Slow	Medium-Deep
Swamp White Oak	>30ft	>40ft	High	Yes	Medium-Fast	Shallow-Medium
Willow Oak	>30ft	>40ft	High	No	Medium	Shallow
American Sweetgum (rotundaloba, a fruitless variety, is allowed)	>30ft	>40ft	High	Yes	Medium-Fast	Shallow
Black Tupelo or Gum (Wildfire, Red Rage and Green Gables cultivars preferred)	>30ft	25-40ft	High	No	Slow-Medium	Medium-Deep
American Red Maple (October Glory, Autumn Blaze cultivars okay)	>30ft	>40ft	High	Yes	Medium-Fast	Shallow

**Privacy & Shade:** Low (low-density tree coverage), High (high-density tree coverage). **Drought Tolerance:** Yes (some drought tolerance), No (needs summer watering). **Growth Rate:** Slow (less than 12 inches/year), Medium (12 to 24 inches/year), Fast (over 24 inches/year). **Tree Type:** Deciduous (fall leaf drop), Evergreen (limited leaf drop). **Roots:** Shallow (may need space between tree and sidewalks and homes), Medium to Deep (can be placed close to sidewalks or homes).



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## Additional Resources

**Baltimore Gas & Electric Guide to Tree Selection and Placement:**  
[www.bge.com/SafetyCommunity/Safety/Pages/ChoosingtheRightTree.aspx](http://www.bge.com/SafetyCommunity/Safety/Pages/ChoosingtheRightTree.aspx)  
**Marylanders Plant Trees:** Provides a \$25 coupon at some nurseries and has additional information on choosing and caring for trees: <http://dnr2.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/MarylandersPlantTrees/How-to-Choose-and-Care-for-your-Tree.aspx>  
**MISS Utility:** [www.missutility.net/maryland](http://www.missutility.net/maryland)  
**City of Bowie Rebate Information:** [www.cityofbowie.org/treerebate](http://www.cityofbowie.org/treerebate)

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