

# Planting Small or Line Friendly Trees



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## City of Antigo Tree Program

Trees planted in our City boulevards aesthetically enhance our community's appeal. However, proper procedure must be followed before any planting takes place in a boulevard, terrace or City right-of-way.



**Appropriate procedure must be followed before planting in City right-of-way.**

The City of Antigo has an urban forestry program that is run through the Park and Recreation Department.

Because we do not have a full-time urban forestry staff member, planting,

pruning and removal requests are processed based on safety, time, labor and materials. If you have had a tree removed from your boulevard we will assess the location and determine if planting a new tree is appropriate given space limitations, overhead lines and underground utilities.

If we determine that planting a new tree in the same location after one was removed will create long-term issues, we may offer the property owner the option to plant in their front yard. The City of Antigo will provide the tree and perform the planting.

All trees on City property are maintained in a GIS database. It is imperative that the City is aware of hazardous trees, pruning requests or suspected disease or pest issues.

With an updated database we are better able to manage our urban forest and provide our community and residents with healthy trees that last lifetimes.

## Requesting a Tree

If you would like to request a tree in a boulevard that is adjacent to your property, please refer to the following procedure:

1. Contact the Park and Recreation Department: 715.623.3633 extension 131.
  - Have the following information ready:
    - Address
    - Description of desired location
    - Contact number
    - Status of utilities overhead and underground
    - Boulevard width
    - Type of tree (please check the list of authorized trees given the width of your boulevard and utilities)
2. Our staff will take down the necessary information and will give you an approximate timeline for assessing the request.
3. You may also visit our website for additional information and forms at [www.antigo-city.org](http://www.antigo-city.org).
4. You may not receive a tree within the calendar year depending on budget, tree availability and labor. We will, however, place your request on a list and re-address the request the following year.

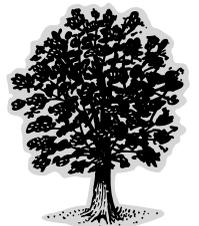
## Other Factors to Consider

- Small trees will reach heights of 15 to 25 feet.
- All small trees, when planted, shall be at least 5 feet high and shall have five or more branches.
- There shall be a minimum distance of 16 feet and a recommended distance of 25-30 feet between trees.
- Trees shall be planted an equal distance between the sidewalk or proposed sidewalk and back of curb or proposed back of curb.
- If terrace areas are less than 5 feet, planting will not be permitted.
- Trees shall be planted at least 5 feet from driveways and at least 15 feet from curb box, water shutoffs, and 25 feet from alleys and intersections.

## I Can't Wait for the City

If you don't want to wait for a tree made available through the City of Antigo, you may request that you wish to plant your own tree. You must meet the following criteria for this request:

1. You must make a formal request and file the appropriate paperwork with the City of Antigo. Forms are available on our website at [www.antigo-city.org](http://www.antigo-city.org).
2. You must plant an approved species. **Do not order your tree until it has been approved.**
3. The area you are considering planting must be approved and marked by City of Antigo staff.
4. A copy of your homeowner's insurance or contract insurance must be on file with the City of Antigo before any work is performed.
5. You must complete and file a tree work permit with the City of Antigo.



**You may plant your own tree, but you will need to comply with City of Antigo policy.**

## Proper Planting

Making sure your tree is properly planted will ensure your tree has the best chance for long life and enjoyment for generations to come.

- Please refer to the City of Antigo planting specs. We require all plantings to comply with these specifications.
- Be sure to water your tree. Water is a limiting factor and is vitally important for your new tree.
- Pull mulch away from the base of the tree to prevent rot and insects.

## Approved Small Trees

### *Amelanchier x grandiflora* - Apple Serviceberry

-15-30' tall, 15-25' wide; produces bronze to purplish-red, fuzzy leaves in spring that turn smooth and green; white flowers in early spring; edible fruit in June; smooth, gray bark; yellowish-orange to red fall color; prefers loamy soil; plant in spring

#### - Autumn Brilliance

-Upright, spreading form; 20-25' tall, 15' wide; orange-red fall color

#### - Princess Diana

-Wide spreading form; 15-20' tall, 15' wide; red-orange fall color

### *Crataegus viridis* - Winter King Hawthorn

-Nice ornamental features; low-spreading crown requires terrace of at least 8 feet; essentially thornless

### *Crataegus crusgalli* var. *inermis* - Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn

-Native to Wisconsin; low-spreading crown requires terrace width of at least 8 feet; flower odor generally considered unpleasant, but lasts only a week; rounded form; orange fall color; 20-30' tall, 20-35' wide; plant in spring; white flowers in late spring; deep red fruit in early to mid fall that drops creating a litter problem; bronzy-orange to reddish fall color; dark color, dark green, leathery, spoon-shaped leaves

### *Maackia amurensis* - Summertime Maackia

-A smaller Amur maackia, maturing at about 20'; vase-shaped to rounded form; 20-30' tall, 20'-30' wide; slow grower; silvery and fuzzy leaves; in spring, leaves turn olive green and smooth; coppery-green to bronzy-brown, slightly exfoliating bark; off-white flowers in summer; small pods in fall; salt tolerant



Apple Serviceberry



Princess Diana



Thornless Cockspur Hawthorne



Prairie Gem Pear



Japanese Tree Lilac



Autumn Brilliance



Winter King Hawthorn



Summertime Maackia



Summer Charm Lilac

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## Approved Small Trees Continued

### *Malus* - Flowering Crabapple

-Most mature at approximately 20', but some are taller; choose upright, disease-resitant varieties; purple-leaf varieties are favored by Japanese beetle

#### - White-flowering choices - Adirondack, Red Jewel, Sugar Tyme, Lancelot, Red bud, and Sargent

#### - Pink-flowering choices - Candymint, Royal Raindrop, and Kelsey

#### - Red-flowering choices - Prairiefire, Red Baron, Royal Raindrops, and Purple Prince

### *Malus sargentii* - Sargent crabapple

-Low spreading form; 8' tall, 12' wide; alternate bearing persistent fruit

### *Malus x zumi* var. *calocarpa* - Redbud Crabapple

-Rounded spreading form; 20' tall, 24' wide; persistent fruit

### *Pyrus ussuriensis* - Prairie Gem Pear

-Smaller and rounded, maturing at 25'; abundant white spring flowers; somewhat susceptible to fire blight

### *Syringa pekinensis* - Summer Charm Lilac

-Similar to the more common Japanese tree lilac

### *Syringa reticulata* - Japanese Tree Lilac

-Used underneath power lines; large, white flower panicles in June; upright with a rounded to oval form; 20-25' tall, 15-20' wide; salt and urban tolerant; susceptible to bacterial blight and verticillium wilt; resistant to mildew



Adirondack



Sugar Tyme



Redbud



Candymint



Kelsey



Red Baron



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