



## NOT RECOMMENDED TREES

City of Tacoma  
Urban Forest Manual  
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Tree Genus	Tree Species and Cultivar or Variety	Tree Common Name	Select Cultivars (height, width, growth rate and canopy factor do not reflect Select Cultivars. Please research cultivars to ensure they are still appropriate)	Anticipated Mature Height (in feet)	Anticipated Mature Width (in feet)	Growth Rate (Fast 3, Medium 2 or Slow 1)	Canopy Factor (see TMC 13.06.502)	Minimum Planting Strip Width Recommended	West Coast Native	Form	Justification
<b>THE FOLLOWING TREES ARE NOT RECOMMENDED</b>											
<i>Acer</i>	<i>Sp.</i>	maple species		28	28	3	23.52	4			Diversity
<i>Fraxinus</i>	<i>Sp.</i>	Ash species		20	18	1	3.6	4			Insect/Disease
<i>Liquidambar</i>	<i>styraciflua</i>	American sweetgum		50	30	3	45	10			Aggressive root system
<i>Prunus</i>	<i>laurocerasus/ lusitanica</i>	Cherry/ Portugese Laurel		20	15	2	6	4			Invasive species
<i>Prunus</i>	<i>Sp.</i>	Cherry Species		20	15	2	6	4			Diversity and Aggressive root system
<i>Pyrus</i>	<i>calleryana</i>	Ornamental Pear		20	15	2	6	8			Diversity and Aggressive root system
<b>THE FOLLOWING TREES ARE PROHIBITED</b>											
<i>Acer</i>	<i>campestre</i>	hedge maple		28	28	2	15.68	8			Invasive species
<i>Acer</i>	<i>macrophyllum</i>	Oregon or big leaf maple*		50	45	3	67.5	8	✓		Poor branch structure for a street tree
<i>Acer</i>	<i>platanoides</i>	Norway maple		50	40	3	60	10			Invasive species
<i>Ailanthus</i>	<i>altissima</i>	tree of heaven		40	30	3	36	8			Invasive species
<i>Eleagnus</i>	<i>angustifolia</i>	Russian olive		20	20	2	8	4			Invasive species
<i>Ilex</i>	<i>aquifolium</i>	English holly		40	15	2	12	6			Invasive species
<i>Populus</i>	<i>sp.</i>	poplar/ cottonwood*		100	25	3	75	12	✓		Aggressive root system/ Weak wood
<i>Robinia</i>	<i>pseudoacacia</i>	black locust		40	25	3	30	6			Invasive species
<i>Salix</i>	<i>Sp.</i>	willow trees*		30	35	3	31.5	12			Aggressive root systems
<i>Sorbus</i>	<i>acuparia</i>	European mountain ash*		30	20	1	6	4			Invasive species
N/A	N/A	fruit trees (except ornamental types)*		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			Trip and fall hazard
N/A	N/A	nut trees*		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			Trip and fall hazard

\*Trees prohibited in the right-of-way per TMC 9.19.030