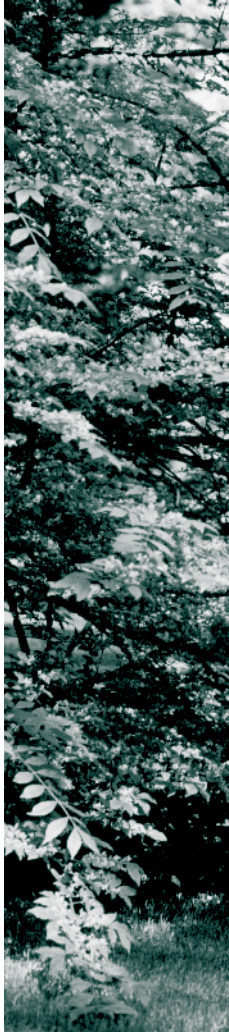


Plant Selection Check List



The following information will be useful in working with garden center managers, landscape designers or nursery specialists in identifying the most appropriate plant(s) for your landscape.

Function

Describe the intended use or function that the plant(s) will serve in your landscape. Function may be described as architectural (screens, borders, floors, walls, canopy/ceiling), engineering (guide pedestrian movement, block unwanted views, minimize soil erosion), and/or environmental (develop favorable microclimates, wind reduction, shade, reduce reflective sunlight, channel summer breezes). Be specific about particular concerns with your property or desired life style. _____

Aesthetic Preferences

Available space, plant type, form/shape, and ornamental characteristics of plant parts are the focus of aesthetic preferences.

Size of the available space

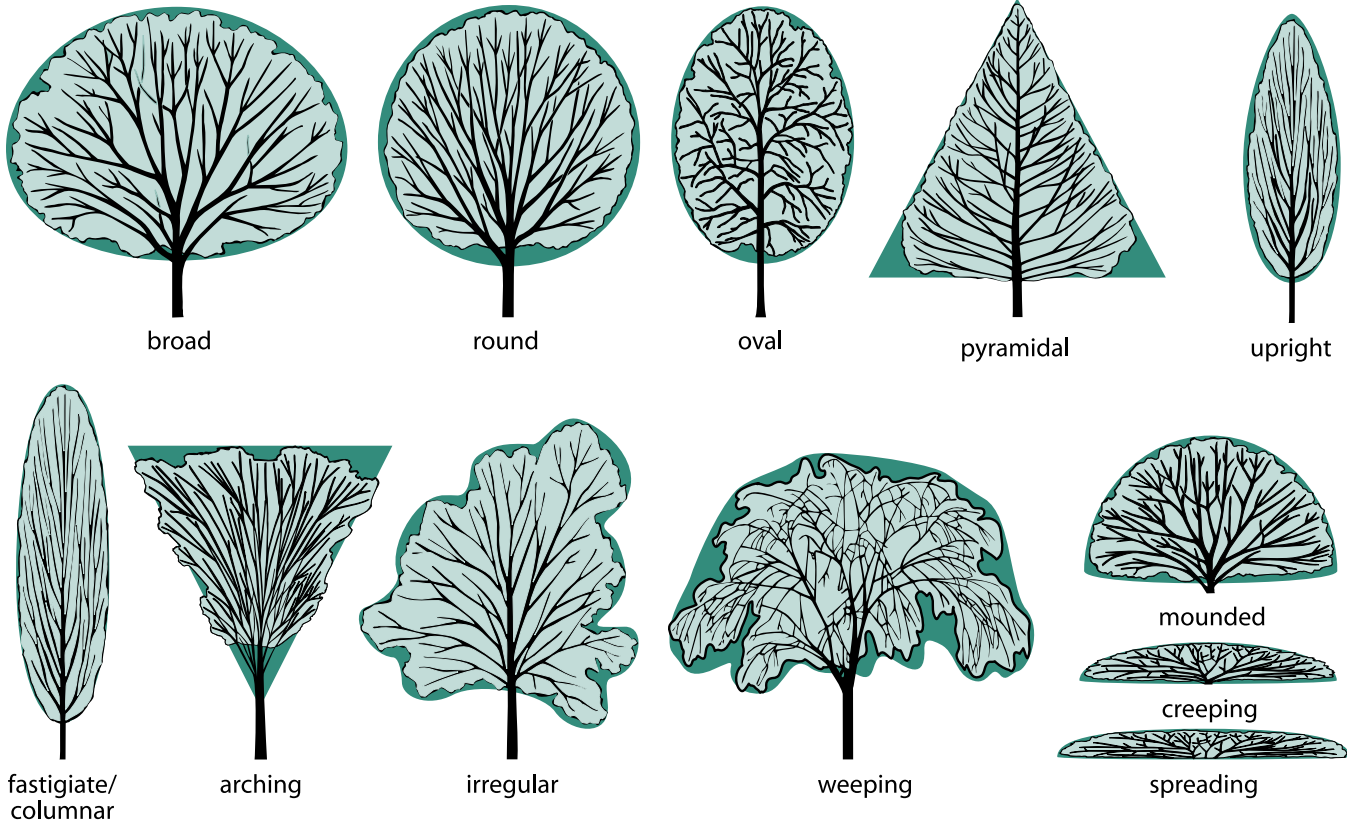
Plant type, size and form/shape must be selected to fit the assigned space or designated planting area.

Height: _____ feet/inches (refers to the maximum allowable height for the plant to attain).

Width: _____ feet/inches (refers to the maximum diameter the plant can cover).

Plant type

- Shade Tree Ornamental/Flowering Tree Evergreen Tree
 Broadleaf Evergreen Shrub Deciduous Shrub
 Herbaceous Perennial Ornamental Grass
 Ground Cover Vine Biennial Annual



Form/Shape

- Broad Round Oval Pyramidal Upright
- Fastigate/Columnar Arching Irregular Weeping
- Mounded Creeping Spreading

Flower

Preferred Color(s) _____
 Undesirable Color(s) _____
 Timing: Spring Summer Fall Late Winter
 Fragrant: Important Not important

Foliage

Color and seasonal display (spring, summer, fall, winter): _____

 Texture, density (fine-coarse, open-dense): _____

Fruit

Desirable or undesirable: _____
 Seasonal display (spring, summer, fall, winter): _____

Stems/Branches/Bark

Color: _____

Texture (smooth, rough, flaky, shredded): _____

Site Adaptability

This section focuses on your property's environmental and soil conditions, specifically in the designated planting area. This information will aid in identifying plants that will adapt to or tolerate your site conditions.

USDA Hardiness Zone:

Identify the hardiness zone you are located in _____.

See adjacent map.

Soil type:

___ Sandy (dry/droughty soils)

___ Loam (well drained)

___ Clay (moderately drained) ___ Clay (Poor drained, wet soils)

Area is susceptible to periodic flooding: ___ Yes ___ No

Soil pH (in the designated planting area):

Soil pH _____

Light Exposure (in the designated planting area):

___ Full sun ___ Full sun/partial shade ___ Partial shade/full shade ___ Full shade

Compass Orientation or Exposure (in the designated planting area):

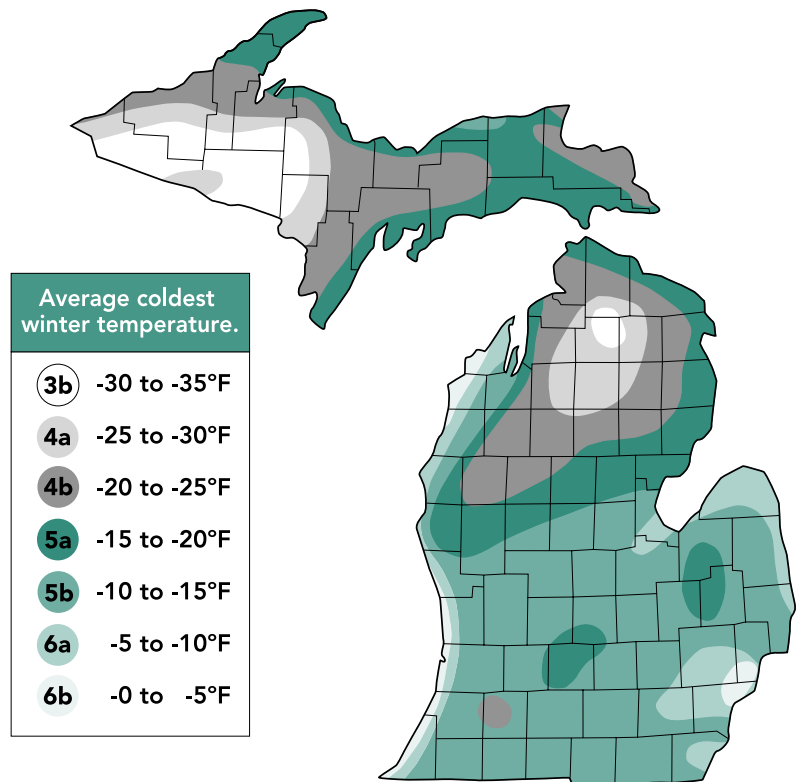
Exposure relates to prevailing winds and winter sun patterns.

___ North ___ Northeast ___ East ___ Southeast

___ South ___ Southwest ___ West ___ Northwest

Other Considerations:

___ Air pollution tolerance ___ Heat tolerance ___ Salt tolerance



Management

The maintenance requirements of plants within the landscape vary with the plant species and its surroundings. This section identifies the degree of *acceptable* management practices influencing your selection.

Pruning:

Minimal pruning Seasonal pruning Shearing

Sanitation (Leaves, fruit, stems/branches):

Minimal cleanup (Fall only) Throughout the season

Irrigation:

Automated irrigation system on site: Yes No
Regular required irrigation: Acceptable Unacceptable

Fertilization:

Regular fertilization required: Acceptable Unacceptable
Requires special fertilization: Acceptable Unacceptable

Pest Management:

Annual pest control (insects and diseases): Acceptable Avoid if possible Unacceptable
Animal (rodents, deer): Deer resistant plants: Required Not required

Possible Selections

Based on the information above, list possible plants for consideration.

