

CITY OF ARVADA PLANT LIST

Effective 9/1/2020

PROHIBITED PLANTS

All plants listed as invasive/noxious by the Colorado Department of Agriculture shall not be planted within the city limits.

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/agconservation/noxious-weed-species#b>

RECOMMENDED PLANT SPECIES

The following plants are recommended within the city. For new development, other plants species may be proposed as long as they have a proven track record of not being invasive within the Front Range. Xeric species preferred.

TREES

Deciduous Canopy Trees

Common Name	Latin Name	Mature Ht.	Xeric	Street Tree
Autumn Blaze Maple	Acer x freemanii 'autumn blaze'	40-50'		
Silver Maple	Acer saccharinum	100'		
Bigtooth Maple	Acer grandidentatum	20-30'		
Deborah Norway Maple	Acer platanoides 'deborah'	40-50'		
Northwood Maple	Acer rubrum 'northwood'	40-50'		
Red Sunset Maple	Acer rubrum 'red sunset'	40-50'		
River Birch	Betula nigra	40-50'		
Western Catalpa	Catalpa speciosa	40-60'		
Western Hackberry	Celtis occidentalis	50-60'	x	
Yellowwood	Cladastrus kentukea	40'		
Imperial Honeylocust	Gleditsia triacanthos inermis 'Imperial'	35'	x	x
Shademaster Honeylocust	Gleditsia triacanthos inermis 'shademaster'	40-50'	x	x
Skyline Honeylocust	Gleditsia triacanthos inermis 'skyline'	40-50'	x	x
Sunburst Honeylocust	Gleditsia triacanthos inermis 'sunburst'	30-35'	x	x
Kentucky Coffeetree	Gymnocladus dioica	50-60'	x	
Goldenrain Tree	Koelreuteria paniculata	20-30'	x	
Redmond Linden	Tilia americana 'redmond'	40-50'		x
Greenspire Linden	Tilia cordata 'greenspire'	30-40'		x
White Oak	Quercus alba	60-100'	x	
Swamp White Oak	Quercus bicolor	40-60'	x	x
Scarlet Oak	Quercus coccinea	50-80'	x	
Bur Oak	Quercus macrocarpa	50-80'	x	x
Chinkapin Oak	Quercus muehlenbergii	40-50'	x	
Pin Oak	Quercus palustris	50-60'	x	
English Oak	Quercus robur	40-60'	x	x
Red Oak	Quercus rubra	40-60'	x	
Wavy Leaf / Scrub Oak	Quercus undulata	20-30'		
Peachleaf Willow	Salix amygdaloides	35-50'		
Frontier Elm	Ulmus x 'Frontier' (U. carpinifolia x U. parvifolia)	25'		

Ornamental Trees

Common Name	Latin Name	Mature Ht.	Xeric	Street Tree
Rocky Mountain Maple	Acer glabrum	10-20'		
Amur Maple	Acer ginnala 'flame'	15-20'		
Tartarian Maple	Acer tataricum	15-25'	x	
Ohio Buckeye	Aesculus glabra	35'		
Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry	Amelanchier 'autumn brilliance'	20'		
Saskatoon Serviceberry	Amelanchier alnifolia	6-12'		
Shadblow Serviceberry	Amelanchier canadensis	15-25'		
Curl-leaf Mountain Mahogany	Cercocarpus ledifolius	10-25'	x	

Russian Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus ambigua</i>	15-25'	x	
Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus crus-galli inermis</i>	15-25'	x	
Downy Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus mollis</i>	20-25'	x	
Washington Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus phaenopyrum</i>	20-25'	x	
Colorado Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus succulenta</i>	20-25'	x	
Toba Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus x mordenensis 'Toba'</i>	15-20'	x	
Winter King Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus viridis 'Winter King'</i>	15-20'	x	
Seven Son Flower	<i>Heptacodium miconiodes</i>	15'		
Crabapple	<i>Malus species</i>	varies		
Edible Apple	<i>Malus species & cultivars (esp. Gala, Honeycrisp, Honeygold)</i>	varies		
Edible Cherry	<i>Prunus avium & varieties (esp. Lapins, Stella)</i>	varies		
Edible Apricot	<i>Prunus armeniaca</i>	varies		
Newport Plum	<i>Prunus cerasifera 'newport'</i>	15-20'		
Montmorency Cherry	<i>Prunus cerasus 'montmorency'</i>	15-20'		
Amur Chokecherry	<i>Prunus mackii</i>	30'	x	
Mayday Tree	<i>Prunus padus</i>	20-30'		
Edible Peach	<i>Prunus persica varieties</i>	varies		
Edible Plum	<i>Prunus species & cultivars (esp. Mt. Royal, Santa Rosa, Superior, Toka)</i>	varies		
Princess Kay Plum	<i>Prunus nigra 'Princess Kay'</i>	18'		
Canada Red Cherry	<i>Prunus virginiana 'canada Red'</i>	20-30'		
Edible Pear	<i>Pyrus / 'Summercrisp, P. x 'Bartlett'</i>	15'		
Autumn Blaze Pear	<i>Pyrus calleryana 'Autumn Blaze'</i>	25-35'		
Aristocrat Pear	<i>Pyrus calleryana 'Aristocrat'</i>	20-30'		x
Chanticleer Pear	<i>Pyrus calleryana 'Chanticleer'</i>	20-30'		x
Korean Sun Pear	<i>Pyrus fauriei 'Korean Sun'</i>	10-12'		x
Ussurian Pear	<i>Pyrus ussuriensis</i>	40-50'		x
New Mexico Locust	<i>Robinia neomexicana</i>	10'	x	
Japanese Pagoda Tree	<i>Sophora japonica</i>	40'	x	
Japanese Tree Lilac	<i>Syringa reticulata</i>	15-25'		
Yellowhorn	<i>Xanthoceras sorbifolium</i>	20'		

Evergreen Trees

Common Name	Latin Name	Mature Ht.	Xeric	Street Tree
White Fir	<i>Abies concolor</i>	40-60'		
One Seed Juniper	<i>Juniperus monosperma</i>	30-40'	x	
Utah Juniper	<i>Juniperus osteosperma</i>	15-20'	x	
Rocky Mountain Juniper	<i>Juniperus scopulorum</i>	20-30'	x	
Colorado Spruce	<i>Picea pungens</i>	40-80'		
Colorado Blue Spruce	<i>Picea pungens 'Glauca'</i>	40-80'		
Colorado Spruce varieties	<i>Picea pungens varieties</i>	varies		
Pinon Pine	<i>Pinus edulis</i>	20-30'	x	
Bosnian Pine	<i>Pinus leucodermis</i>	15-25'		
Singleleaf Pinion Pine	<i>Pinus monophylla</i>	8-15'	x	
Austrian Pine	<i>Pinus nigra</i>	40-60'	x	
Austrian Pine varieties	<i>Pinus nigra varieties</i>	varies		
Ponderosa Pine	<i>Pinus ponderosa</i>	60-80'		
Southwestern White Pine	<i>Pinus strobiformis</i>	60'		
Scotch Pine	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	30-50'		

SHRUBS/ORNAMENTAL GRASSES

Evergreen Shrubs

Common Name	Latin Name	Mature Ht.
Manzanita	Arctostaphylos x coloradensis and varieties	varies
Curlleaf Mountain Mahogany	Cercocarpus ledifolius	10-20'
Red Yucca	Hesperaloe parviflora	3-4'
Common Juniper and varieties	Juniperus communis and varieties	1-3'
Creeping Juniper and varieties	Juniperus horizontalis and varieties	4" - 18"
Green Mound Juniper	Juniperus procumbens 'Green Mound'	6" - 12"
Savin Juniper and varieties	Juniperus sabina and varieties	12"-6'
Rocky Mountain Juniper varieties	Juniperus scopulorum varieties	10'-20'
Eastern Red Cedar varieties	Juniperus virginiana 'Blue Arrow'	15'-20'
Creeping Colorado Holly	Mahonia repens	12-18"
Dwarf Alberta Spruce	Pinus glauca 'Conica'	5-7'
Blue Globe Spruce	Picea pungens 'Glauca Globosa'	3-4'
Mesa Verde Spruce	Picea pungens 'Mesa Verde'	1-2'
Mugo Pine	Pinus mugo	4-6'
Mugo Pine varieties	Pinus mugo varieties	varies
Banana Yucca	Yucca baccata	18-24"
Adam's Needle	Yucca filamentosa	2-3'
Soapweed	Yucca glauca	2-4'

3' Width Deciduous Shrubs

Common Name	Latin Name	Mature Ht.
Leadplant	Amorpha canescens	4'
Dwarf Leadplant	Amorpha nana	2'
Black Chokeberry	Aronia melanocarpa	4-6'
Fourwing Saltbush	Atriplex canescens	3-6'
Barberry	Berberis thunbergii varieties	1-2' / varies
Pygmy Peashrub	Caragana pygmaea / Caragana frutex 'Globosa'	3-4'
Blue Mist Spirea	Caryopteris x clandonensis 'Blue Mist'	3-4'
Little Leaf Mountain Mahogany	Cercocarpus intricatus	2-4'
Dwarf Rabbitbrush	Chrysothamnus var.	2'
Rabbit Brush	Chrysothamnus nauseosus	3-4'
Kelsey Dogwood	Cornus stolonifera 'kelseyi'	2-3'
Carol Mackie Daphne	Daphne x burkwoodii 'Carol Mackie'	3-5'
Mormon Tea	Ephedra viridis	2-3'
Nana Burning Bush	Euonymus nanus	2'
Lydia Woadwaxen	Genista 'Lydia'	2'
Royal Gold Woadwaxen	Genista tinctoria 'Royal Gold'	2'
Lodense Privet	Ligustrum vulgare 'lodense'	2-3'
Clavey's Dwarf Honeysuckle	Lonicera x xylosteoides 'Clavey's Dwarf'	5-6'
Dwarf Russian Sage	Perovskia atriplicifolia 'Little Spire'	2'
Littleleaf Mockorange	Philadelphus microphyllus	4'
Dwarf Minnesota Snowflake Mockorange	Philadelphus x viginalis 'Minnesota Dwarf Snowflake'	3-4'
Mountain Ninebark	Physocarpus monogynus	3'
Shrubby Cinquefoil	Potentilla fruticosa varieties	2-3' /varies
Dwarf Russian Almond	Prunus tenella	2-5'
Alpine Currant	Ribes alpinum & varieties	3-6'
Gooseberry	Ribes uva-crispa 'Pixwell' / R. hirtellum 'Pixwell'	3-4'
Red Lake Currant	Ribes rubrum / R. ativum 'Red Lake'	4'
Rose	Rosa cultivars and varieties	varies
Japanese Spirea varieties	Spirea japonica varieties	varies
Miss Kim Dwarf Lilac	Syringa patula 'miss kim'	3-5'
Blue Muffin Viburnum	Viburnum dentatus 'Christom' / 'Blue Muffin'	3-4'
Weigela varieties	Weigela florida varieties	varies

5' Width Deciduous Shrubs

Common Name	Latin Name	Mature Ht.
Regent Serviceberry	Amelanchier alnifolia 'regent'	6-8'
Brilliant Red Chokeberry	Aronia arbutifolia 'brilliantissima'	6-8'
Barberry	Berberis thunbergii varieties	4-6' / varies
Butterfly Bush varieties & cultivars	Buddleja davidii; Buddleja alternifolia	varies
Mountain Lilac	Ceanothus fendleri	3'
Curl Leaf Mountain Mahogany	Cercocarpus ledifolius	8-10'
Mountain Mahogany	Cercocarpus montanus	8-10'
Red Flowering Quince	Chaenomeles japonica 'rubra'	4-6'
Fernbush	Chamaebatiaria millefolium	3-5'
Cranberry Cotoneaster	Cotoneaster apiculatus	18-24'
Coral Beauty Cotoneaster	Cotoneaster dammeri 'coral beauty'	1-2'
Cliffrose	Cowania mexicana	3-12'
Spanish Gold Broom	Cytisus purgans 'Spanish Gold'	2-4'
Dwarf Burning Bush	Euonymus alatus 'compacta'	6-8'
Apache Plume	Fallugia paradoxa	3-6'
Cliff fendlerbush	Fendlera rupicola	5-6'
Rock Spirea	Holodiscus dumosus	3-6'
Waxflower	Jamesia americana	4-5'
Beautybush	Kolkwitzia amabilis	6-8'
Cheyenne Privet	Ligustrum vulgare 'cheyenne'	6-8'
Tiny Trumpet Honeysuckle	Lonicera syriacantha 'wolfii'	3-4'
Russian Sage	Perovskia atriplicifolia	4'
Cheyenne Mockorange	Philadelphus lewisii 'Cheyenne'	6-7'
Native Ninebark & varieties	Physocarpus opulifolius & varieties	varies
Western Sand Cherry	Prunus besseyi	4-6'
Creeping Western Sand Cherry	Prunus besseyi 'pawnee buttes'	15-18"
Antelope Brush	Purshia tridentata	6'
Columnar Buckthorn	Rhamnus frangula 'columnaris'	8-12'
Rocky Mountain Sumac	Rhus glabra cismontana	6'
Cutleaf Staghorn Sumac	Rhus typhina 'Laciniata'	
Three Leaf Sumac	Rhus trilobata	3-6'
Golden Currant	Ribes aureum	6'
Squaw Currant / Wax Currant	Ribes cereum	
Rose	Rosa cultivars and varieties	varies
Boulder Raspberry	Rubus deliciosus	8'
Elderberry	Sambucus nigra	6'
Snowberry	Symphoricarpos albus	4-6'
Red Coralberry	Symphoricarpos orbiculatus	
Mountain Snowberry	Symphoricarpos oreophilus	
Miss Kim Lilac	Syringa patula 'Miss Kim'	3-5'
Koreanspice Viburnum	Viburnum carlesii	6'
Mohican Viburnum	Viburnum lantana 'Mohican'	6'
Compact American Cranberrybush	Viburnum trilobum varieties	4-5'
Weigela varieties	Weigela florida varieties	varies

7' Width Deciduous Shrubs

Common Name	Latin Name	Mature Ht.
Dwarf Ginnala Maple	Acer ginnala 'compacta'	6-8'
False Indigo	Amorpha fruticosa	6-15'
Saskatoon Serviceberry	Amelanchier alnifolia	10'
Utah Serviceberry	Amelanchier utahensis	6-12'
Tall Western Sage	Artemisia tridentata	8'
Siberian Peashrub	Caragana arborescens	8-10'
Royal Purple Smoke Tree	Cotinus coggygia 'royal purple'	6-8'
Red & Yellow Twig Dogwood	Cornus sericea	8'
Silverberry	Elaeagnus commutata	6-12'
Burning Bush	Euonymus alatus	8-12'
New Mexican Privet	Forestiera neomexicana	8-12'
Northern Sun Forsythia	Forsythia x 'Northern Sun'	6-8'
Arnold's Red Honeysuckle	Lonicera tartarica 'Arnold's Red'	6-8'

Golden Ninebark	Physocarpus opulifolius 'luteus'	6-8'
American Plum	Prunus americana	10-20'
Cistena Plum	Prunus cistena	6-8'
Nanking Cherry	Prunus tomentosa	6-12'
Native Chokecherry	Prunus virginiana	8-20'
Gambel Oak	Quercus gambellii	4-20'
Fragrant Sumac	Rhus aromatica	6-12'
Gro-Lo Fragrant Sumac	Rhus aromatica 'grow low'	2-3'
Smooth Sumac	Rhus glabra	10'
Staghorn Sumac	Rhus typhina	10'
Rose	Rosa cultivars and varieties	varies
Woods Rose	Rosa woodsii	8'
Swamp Rose	Rosa Palustris	8'
Buffaloberry	Shepherdia argentea	8-15'
Early Lilac	Syringa x hyacinthiflora cultivars	6-12' / varies
Late Lilac	Syringa x prestoniae cultivars	6-12' / varies
Common & French Lilacs	Syringa vulgaris varieties	6-12' / varies
Judd / Fragrant Viburnum	Viburnum x juddii	6-8'
Alleghany Viburnum	Viburnum x rhytidophylloides 'Alleghany'	10'
Burkwood Viburnum	Viburnum burkwoodii	10-12'
Arrowwood Viburnum	Viburnum dentatum	6-10'
Wayfaring Tree	Viburnum lantana	10-12'
Nannyberry Viburnum	Viburnum lentago	8-15'
American Cranberrybush	Viburnum trilobum	10'

Ornamental Grasses (those with an asterick may be counted toward required shrub counts)

Common Name	Latin Name	Mature Ht.
Big Bluestem Grass*	Andropogon gerardii	4-6'
Blue Gramma Grass	Bouteloua gracilis	1-2'
Karl Forester Feather Reed Grass*	Calamagrostis arundinacea 'karl forester'	4-5'
Sea Urchin Blue Fescue	Festuca ovina glauca 'sea urchin'	8"
Blue Avena Grass*	Helictotrichon sempervirens	4'
Japanese Blood Grass	Imperata cylindrica 'red baron'	1-2'
Maiden Hair Grass*	Miscanthus sinensis 'gracillimus'	5-6'
Yaku Jima Maiden Grass*	Miscanthus sinensis 'yaku jima'	3-4'
Variegated Moor Grass	Molina caerulea variegata	1-2'
Northern Indian Rice Grass	Oryzopsis hymenoides 'nezpar'	18"
Switchgrass*	Panicum virgatum 'heavy metal'	3-4'
Dwarf Fountain Grass	Pennisetum alopecuroides 'hamelin'	1-2'
Little Bunny Grass	Pennisetum alopecuroides 'little bunny'	10-12"
Ribbon Grass	Phalaris arundinacea 'picta'	2-3'
Ruby Grass	Rhynchelytrum nerviglume	2'
Plume Grass*	Saccharum ravannae	8-12'
Little Bluestem Grass*	Schizachyrium scoparium	3-5'
Indian Grass*	Sorghastrum nutans 'sioux blue'	5-7'

PERENNIALS/GROUND COVERS

Perennials

Common Name	Latin Name	Mature Ht.
Tall Gold Yarrow	Achillea filipendula	36-48"
Double Bubblemint	Agastache cana	24-36"
Sunset Hyssop	Agastache rupestris	24-36"
Rocky Mountain Columbine	Aquilegia caerulea	18-24"
Butterfly Weed	Asclepias tuberosa	18"
False Spirea	Astilbe sp.	10-36"
Dwarf Lavender Fall Aster	Aster novi-belgii 'audrey'	18-24"
Basket-of-Gold	Aurina saxatilis 'gold ball'	8-12"
Snowbank Boltonia	Boltonia asteroides 'snowbank'	36-48"
Poppy Mallow	Callirhoe involucrata	4-12"
Loddon Anna Bellflower	Campanula lactiflora 'loddon anna'	42-48"
Blue Harebell	Campanula rotundiflora 'olympica'	6-18"
White Valerian	Centranthus ruber 'albus'	24-36"
Moonbeam Coreopsis	Coreopsis verticillata 'moonbeam'	24-36"
Pacific Giant Delphinium	Delphinium ssp.	48-60"
Maiden Pinks	Dianthus deltoides	6-8"
Bleeding Heart	Dicentra spectabilis	24-36"
Purple Coneflower	Echinacea purpurea	36"
Globe Thistle	Echinops ritro	24-36"
Cut-Leaf Daisy	Erigeron compositus	4-6"
Sulfur Buckwheat	Eriogonum umbellatum	18-24"
Joe Pye Weed	Eupatorium sp.	60-72"
Dwarf Fleeceflower	Fallopia japonica compacta	12-18"
Native Blanket Flower	Gaillardia aristata	18-24"
Dazzler Blanket Flower	Gaillardia 'dazzler'	24-36"
Whirling Butterflies	Gaura lindheimeri	36-42"
Dwarf Globularia	Globularia hederacea	2-6"
Sunrose	Helianthemum	8-12"
Daylily	Hemerocallis sp.	36"
Coral Bells	Heuchera sp.	12"
Butterfly Iris	Iris spuria	36-40"
Deep Blue Lavender	Lavandula angustifolia 'hidcote'	8-12"
Shasta Daisy	Leucanthemum x superbum 'alaska'	24-30"
Gayfeather	Liatris sp.	18-48"
Yellow Flax	Linum flavum compactum	10-18"
Blue Flax	Linum perenne	12-24"
Cardinal Flower	Lobelia cardinalis	36-48"
Marshall's Delight Bee Balm	Monarda 'marshall's delight'	24-36"
Red Monkeyflower	Mumulus cardinalis	48"
Oxalis	Oxalis crassipes	10"
Lambert's Locoweed	Oxytropis lambertii	8-12"
Poppy	Papaver sp.	24-36"
Penstemon	Penstemon sp.	var.
Purple Prairie Clover	Petalostemon purpurea	18"
Prairie Coneflower	Ratibida columnifera 'mexican hat'	15-24"
Russian Sage	Perovskia atriplicifolia	24-48"
Gloriosa Daisy	Rudbeckia hirta 'indian summer'	36-40"
Salvia	Salvia sp.	varies
Woolly Cotton	Santolina chamaecyparissus	14"
Lavender Cotton	Santolina ericoides	8"
Pincushion Flower	Scabiosa sp.	varies
Redbirds	Scrophulora macrantha	36-48"
Sedum	Sedum telephium	6-18"
Mexican Catchfly	Silene lancinata	15"
Dwarf Goldenrod	Solidago sphacelata	15"
Goldenrod	Solidago rugosa	36"
Hedgenettle, Lamb's Ears	Stachys coccinea	18"
Prince's Plume	Stanleya pinnata	36-60"

Wherry's Foam Flower	Tiarella wherryi	3-8"
Spiderwort	Tradescantia occidentalis	12-18"
Native Verbena	Verbena bipinnatifida	3-6"
Ironweed	Veronia noveborascens	72"
Red Fox Speedwell	Veronica spicata 'red fox'	12-18"
Bowles Periwinkle	Vinca minor 'bowles variety'	4-6"
Hummingbird Flower	Zauschneria californica latifolia	18-24"
Blue Mint Bush	Zizpohora clinopodioided	18"

Groundcover

Common Name	Latin Name	Mature Ht.
Carpet Bugle	Ajuga reptans	4-6"
Pussytoes	Antennaria neglecta	1-4"
Rockcress	Arabis	4-6"
False Rockcress	Aubrieta	4-6"
Snow in Summer	Cerastium tomentosum	6-12"
Bunchberry Dogwood	Cornus canadensis	3-8"
Maiden Pink	Dianthus deltoides	6-8"
Sulfur Flower	Eriogonum umbellatum	8-12"
Wild Strawberry	Fragaria americana	2-6"
Candytuft	Iberis sempervirens	8-12"
White Nancy Nettle	Lamium maculatum 'white nancy'	6-12"
Moneywort	Lysimachia nummularia	2-4"
Running Mat Phlox	Phlox stolonifera 'sherwood purple'	4-6"
Emerald Pink Phlox	Phlox subulata 'emerald pink'	4-6"
Creeping Quinquefoil	Potentilla neumanniana	3"
Stonecrop	Sedum	1-2'
Pink Chintz Creeping Thyme	Thymus 'pink chintz'	1"
Reiter Creeping Thyme	Thymus 'reiter'	3"
Doone Valley Lemon Thyme	Thymus citriodorus 'doone valley'	3"
Turkish Veronica	Veronica liwanensis	1-2"
Woolly Veronica	Veronica pectinata	1-2"
Prostrate Veronica	Veronica prostrata	4-8"
Tufted Pansy	Viola cornuta	6"