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EVERGREEN TREES




COMMON NAME BOTANICAL NAME	TREE SHAPE	HEIGHT (H) WIDTH (W)	GROWTH RATE	WATER NEEDS	POTENTIAL PROBLEMS	COMMENTS
Azalea <i>Azalea</i>		4-5' H 3-4' W				Buy as a standard* or train to tree form Filtered sun Various flower colors
Azara, Boxleaf <i>Azara microphylla</i>		12-18' H 8-12' W				Requires staking May be hard to find Needs good drainage Partial to full shade Small yellow fragrant flowers Orange-red berries
Buckthorn, Italian Variegated <i>Rhamnus alaternus 'Variegata'</i>		6-10' H 6-10' W				Train to tree form Full sun or part shade Variegated foliage Black berries
Camellia <i>Camellia japonica</i>		6-12' H 6-12' W				Train to tree form Shade Various flower colors
Camellia <i>Camellia sasanqua</i>		10' H 10' W				Choose upright forms or standards * or train to tree form Shade White, pink or red flowers
Ceanothus 'Ray Hartman' <i>Ceanothus 'Ray Hartman'</i>		10-15' H 10-15' W				Needs good drainage Full sun Blue-purple flowers
Cherry, Carolina Laurel <i>Prunus caroliniana 'Bright 'n Tight'</i>		8-10' H 6-8' W				May be messy Subject to chlorosis Full sun to part shade Small creamy white flowers Small black fruit
Hawthorne, Indian 'Majestic Beauty' <i>Rhaphiolepis 'Majestic Beauty'</i>		10-20' H 8-10' W				Full sun Fragrant pink flowers Dark berries
Holly, Japanese <i>Ilex crenata 'Sky Pencil'</i>		6' H 10' W				Small white flowers Insignificant dark berries









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Juniper <i>Juniperus scopulorum</i> 'Skyrocket' <i>Juniperus scopulorum</i> 'Blue Arrow'		15-20' H 2-3' W				Little to no pruning Full sun or part shade Full sun Blue-green foliage
Kumquat <i>Citrus</i>		6-15' H 6' W				Edible fruit Full sun White flowers
Laurustinus, Roundleaf <i>Viburnum tinus</i> 'Robustum'		6-12' H 3-6' W				Train to tree form Full sun White flowers
Lemon, Improved Meyer <i>Citrus</i>		12' H 15' W				Edible fruit Thorny Full sun White flowers
Lemon, Improved Meyer, Dwarf <i>Citrus</i>		6' H 8' W				Edible fruit Thorny Full sun White flowers
Olive, Little Ollie <i>Olea europaea</i> 'Little Ollie'		12' H 12' W				Nearly fruitless Train to tree form Full sun or part shade Cream flowers
Orange, Washington Navel, Dwarf <i>Citrus</i>		8-12' H 8' W				Edible fruit Full sun White flowers
Photinia <i>Photinia fraseri</i>		10-15' H 10-15' W				Subject to fire blight Purchase as a standard * or train to tree form Full sun White flowers Red new leaves
Pittosporum, Variegated <i>Pittosporum tobira</i> 'Variegata'		5-10' H 5-10' W				Purchase as a standard * or train to tree form Full sun Yellow flowers
Privet, Texas <i>Ligustrum japonicum</i> 'Texanum'		8-10' H 4-6' W				Train to tree form Full sun White flowers Black berries

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Strawberry Tree <i>Arbutus unedo</i> 'Oktoberfest'		6-8' H 6-8' W				Needs good drainage Full sun Deep pink flowers
Yew Pine <i>Podocarpus macrophyllus</i> 'Maki'		8-15' H 2-4' W				Little or no pruning Full sun or part shade Bright green foliage

DECIDUOUS TREES

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Crape Myrtle						
<i>Lagerstroemia indica</i> 'Catawba'		6-10' H 6-10' W				Train to tree form Full sun Purple flowers Orange-red fall color
'Pink Velour'		10' H 10' W				Train to tree form Full sun Bright pink flowers Yellow-orange fall color
'Seminole'		6-12' H 6-12' W				Train to tree form Full sun Bright pink flowers Red fall color
<i>Lagerstroemia x hybrid</i> 'Acoma'		10' H 11' W				Train to tree form Full sun
'Twilight'		10-12' H 12-15' W				Train to tree form Full sun Bright purple flowers Orange-red fall color
'Zuni'		9' H 8' W				Train to tree form Full sun Lavender flowers Orange-red fall color
Hibiscus, Blue <i>Alyogyne huegelii</i>		6-10' H 6-10' W				Hardy to 25 degrees Buy as a standard * or train to tree form Full sun Blue flowers
Maple, Japanese <i>Acer palmatum</i>		5-15' H 5-15' W				Prune to graceful forms Select smaller varieties Shade Red new leaves Red, orange or yellow fall color

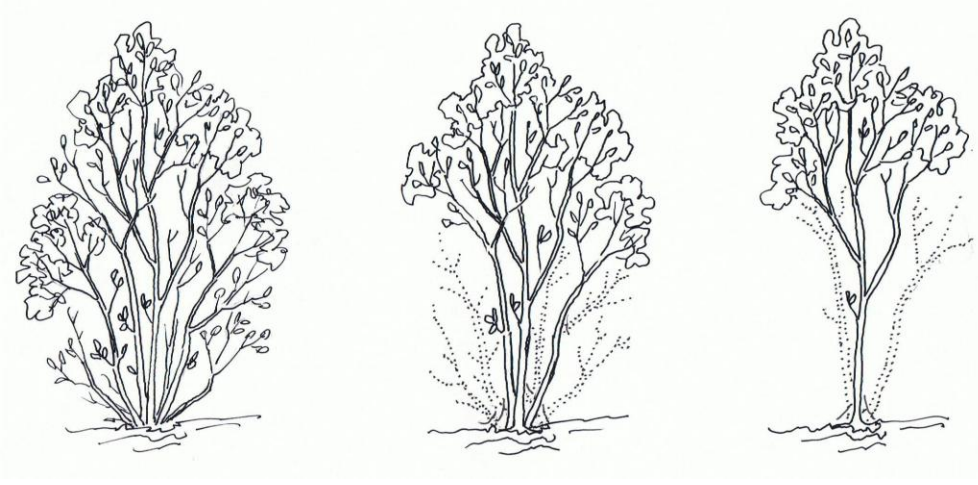
Nectarine, Dwarf <i>Prunus persica nucipersica</i> , dwarf		5-6' H 5-6' W				Edible fruit Subject to brown rot and peach leaf curl Full sun Pink, white or red flowers
Peach, Dwarf <i>Prunus persica</i> , dwarf		5-6' H 5-6' W				Edible fruit Subject to brown rot and peach leaf curl Full sun Mostly pink, some white or red flowers
Plum, Dwarf Purple-leaf <i>Prunus cerasifera</i> 'Purple Pony'		10-12' H 12' W				Fruitless Full sun Pink flowers

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Pomegranate						
<i>Punica granatum</i> 'Toyosho'		8-10' H 8-10' W				Fruitless or fruit is inedible Train to tree form Thorny Full sun Light orange flowers
'Fleishman'		6-15' H 6-15' W				Edible fruit Train to tree form Thorny Full sun Orange flowers Bright orange-red fruit
'Nochi Shibari'		8-10' H 8-10' W				Fruitless or fruit is inedible Thorny Full sun Double dark red flowers
Potato Bush, Purple <i>Solanum rantonnetii</i>		8-12' H 6-10' W				Purchase as a standard * or train to tree form Full sun or part shade Purple flowers
Redbud, Chinese						
<i>Cercis chinensis</i> species		10-12' H 10' W				Seed pods Full sun Magenta flowers
'Don Egolf'		9' H 9' W				Seedless Full sun Dark red flowers
Redbud, Western <i>Cercis occidentalis</i>		10-18' H 10-18' W				Train to tree form Full sun Magenta flowers
Rose of Sharon <i>Hibiscus syriacus</i>		10-12' H 6' W				Train to tree form Full sun Various flower colors

* "Standard" refers to a plant that has been grafted or trained to a tree form.

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Many plants on this list are shrubs that can be trained into a small multi-trunk or single trunk tree by selectively removing some lower branches as illustrated here:



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