



REAL GREEN TREE SELECTION GUIDE

FRUIT TREES: Dwarf Varieties (Availability will vary)

 **Apple** –   The ornamental apple tree with its branching character and long life is an excellent choice for your garden. You will be delighted with spring blooms and tasty fruit in autumn. Trees may be grown as espaliers tied to frames, fences or other supports. Height: 10’



 **Nectarine** –   This very popular stone fruit has been an all-time favorite of many home gardeners. Early fruit harvest is firm-ripe and tangy. Later harvest is sweet with a rich flavor scoring high in the taste tests. The lovely pink spring blossoms are delightful. Height: 10’ to 14’ at maturity.

CITRUS TREES:



 **Improved Meyer Lemon** –   If you are into cooking or just like the ability to pick lemons from your own tree, then you need this lemon in your back yard! The fruit is slightly rounded, thin skinned and orange yellow in color. It has a tangy aroma and is the variety of choice of many culinary experts. The word “improved” refers to the fact that it is a disease-free variety. Height: 10’ to 12’ tall and wide.

 **Mandarin** –   This great looking and fairly compact tree would be a wonderful addition planted in your yard or container. The fruit is smaller than an orange, seedless, very flavorful and easy to peel. It blooms in the Spring and bears fruit in the Fall and winter depending on variety. Height: 8’ to 10’ and the same width.



Watering Need:

Moderate: 

Low: 

Very Little: 



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CITRUS TREES Continued:

 **Navel Orange** –   Citrus offers a year-round attractive tree for your yard with glossy deep green leaves, very fragrant white blossoms in April with decorative, delicious and seedless fruit. Our Valley is the perfect growing medium for this heat loving tree. This tree may be grown in a container. Harvest is from late Fall into winter. Height: 8' to 10'



SMALL SHADE TREES:



 **Crape Myrtle** – (Lagerstroemia)   The San Joaquin Valley would not be complete without the profuse color of the summer blossoms of this tree. In addition, the leaves turn dark red and orange in the fall. Your yard cannot have too many Crape Myrtles for summer show! This small deciduous tree has a moderate growth rate averaging 10' to 15' with good carbon storage and pollution filtering and medium allergen potential.

 **Japanese Maple** – (Acer)   This is a picturesque, fine textured and delicately branched deciduous tree. You will want to plant it where you can see it readily. Growth rate is slow. The fall color display is wonderful. Select a planting location with sun to partial shade to protect from sun burn resulting in leaf burn and curl. This tree will grow nicely in a container on your patio. Height is 5' to 15' with fair carbon storage and pollution filtering and medium allergen potential.



 **Flowering Plum** – (Prunus)   The Flowering Plum is grown for its beautiful floral displays in mid-winter and spring before the tree leaves out. It produces a small bland fruit, so it is recommended to plant away from patios or driveways. The foliage is a lovely deep purple to give your yard contrasting color. This small deciduous tree has a moderate growth rate reaching a height of 10-12' with fair carbon storage and pollution filtering with low allergen potential.

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 **Redbud** –   (Cercis) This tree is valued for its flowers and foliage. Clusters of small rosy to purplish pink blossoms are borne in great profusion on bare twigs, branches, and sometimes even the main trunk. Blossoms are followed by seed pods. The beautiful leaves are heart-shaped and give you lovely fall color. This small, decorative tree puts on quite a show in the spring and fall so you won't want to miss having one in your yard. Height averages 15' with good carbon storage, pollution filtering and medium allergen potential.

MEDIUM SHADE TREES:

(Trees over 25 feet tall are not power line friendly)



 **Magnolia** – (Magnolia)   Just as its name indicates, this would be a special tree for your home. This magnolia is evergreen, bearing magnificent fragrant white flowers from spring until late summer with large glossy leaves (prized by florists). It is heat resistant and tolerant of damp soil. It is messy, shedding its large hard leaves and other litter from spring into autumn. Do not plant near pavement. Grass will not grow under its branches in your lawn, so choose your planting site carefully. You may plant in a container or espaliered on a fence or wall. This slow growing tree matures to a height of 20'-25' with a spread of 10'-15'.

 **Oak** – (Quercus virginiana)  This magnificent evergreen oak tree is native to the coastal plains of the southeastern U.S. and is the most attractive of all evergreen oaks. The heavy branching produces bark that is interesting, dark and ridged with shiny dark green leaves. It produces oval acorns up to 1" long. This long-lived tree is a great oak tree to plant near a lawn. The height will reach 40-80' at maturity. It has very good carbon storage and pollution filtering with high allergen potential.



 **Maidenhair Tree** – (Ginkgo biloba)  An ancient survivor from pre-historic times (200 million years ago) when it grew worldwide. Now it is native to only two small areas of China. This lovely, graceful tree is attractive in any season but especially in the fall when its fan-shaped leaves turn brilliant gold. The leaves hang on the tree for awhile and then cleanly drop creating a golden carpet where they fall. Average height is 35' to 50' with a slow to moderate growth rate, good carbon storage and pollution filtering. Male trees have medium allergen potential and females have low potential.

Unavailable

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MEDIUM SHADE TREES Continued:



 **Chinese Fringe** – (Chionanthus)   The Chinese Fringe tree is a beautiful showy tree that is native to desert areas of California and Texas and as you might suspect, very drought tolerant. This deciduous tree grows to a height ranging between 15 – 25’ tall, not quite as wide, with a beautiful rounded shape. Handsome gray-brown bark provides winter interest. It flowers in May – June. The flower clusters have a very fine texture, which along with the snow white color, yields a beautiful accent tree in your garden. In full bloom the trees are completely covered with flowers which are contrasted by leaves that are dark green. The Chinese Fringe tree (female variety) produces a dark blue fruit that birds love after the blossoms. Broad leaves turn bright yellow in fall. This is an excellent choice for a tree that will add interest to a landscape most of the year. It needs good drainage and prefers acid soils, but is highly adaptable to our valley. It has fair carbon storage and pollution filtering with medium allergen potential.

LARGE SHADE TREES:

(Large Shade Trees are NOT Power Line Friendly.)



 **Chinese Elm** – (Ulmus)  Originating from China, Korea, and Japan, this is a highly prized shade tree. The arching branches have long weeping branchlets. The bark on the trunk of older trees sheds in patches creating a beautiful mottling effect. This evergreen variety has foliage with small dark green and evenly toothed leaves. This is a great patio tree, sun screen or street tree. Average height is 40’-60’ tall and width with very good carbon and pollution filtering with high allergen potential

 **Pistacia** – (Chinese pistache)  If great fall color is a priority for you, this is a fabulous deciduous canopy tree. Foliage turns from luminous orange to red and sometimes shades of yellow depending on colder weather temperatures. Foliage is on narrow leaflets. This tree has a slow to moderate growth rate reaching a height of 35” with good carbon storage and pollution filtering. Allergen potential is high with male and low with female varieties.



 **Flowering Pear** –   (Pyrus) This Chinese native is a deciduous tree that is prized for its profuse late-winter or early-spring show of white blossoms. The foliage is glossy dark green with brilliant fall colors of yellow to dark red. This pyramidal shaped tree will reach 40’ and 20’ wide with low to moderate carbon storage and pollution filtering with medium allergen potential.

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LARGE TREES Continued:



Coastal Redwood - (*Sequoia sempervirens*)  Coast redwoods range from southern Oregon to central California, extending not more than fifty miles inland-only as far as the coastal climate has its influence. Fog plays a vital role in the survival of these trees, protecting them from the summer drought conditions typical of this area. They also need abundant winter rain and moderate year round temperatures. In ideal conditions a coast redwood can grow 2-3 feet in height annually, but when the trees are stressed from lack of moisture and sunlight they may grow as little as one inch per year



Summer Red Maple - (*Acer Rubrum*)  This fast-growing shade tree is considered one of the best trees for early fall color. Outstanding burgundy red new foliage matures to dark maroon. Older leaves turn yellow while younger leaves become orange or purple before falling. Forms a dense, broad tree providing welcome summer shade. Deciduous.

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All of the trees in this guide like FULL SUN



With the exception of the Japanese Maple, which likes PARTIAL SUN

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Tree availability will vary.

In the event that your tree choice is not available due to seasonal availability, or low nursery stock; you will be contacted to choose a replacement tree, or you may choose a rain check. If you choose a rain check, the tree will be delivered when it becomes available.

Further information about the care, harvest, and nutritional needs of trees may be found by visiting the following websites: <http://www.lecooke.com/cms/contact-le-cooke.html>
<http://www.fourwindsgrowers.com/>
<http://selectree.calpoly.edu>

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