



SHRUB STANDARDS

Community & Economic Development

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The following City of Arlington standards shall be used for shrubs, groundcover and landscape material in the street right-of-way, parks and on public lands.

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Shrub Planting Standards

Shrubs shall be a minimum of 24 inches high at the time of planting. Shrubs and groundcover shall be planted to attain coverage of 90 percent of the planting area within 3 years. Shrubs shall be planted as illustrated in 'Shrub Planting Detail'.

Ground Cover Standards

Groundcover shall be planted as illustrated in 'Ground Cover Spacing Detail'. To obtain 90 percent coverage within the first 3 years spacing shall be as follows:

- 4 inch pots- 18 inches on center
- 1 gallon pots- 24 inches on center

A.) Low Growing Shrubs

Plants in this group usually have a maximum height of 3 feet at maturity. All plants are evergreen unless otherwise noted.

1. Azalea, rhododendron (azalea varieties)
2. Erica erica carnea
3. Oregon Grape mahonia
4. Scotch Heather calluna vulgaris
5. Rock Rose cistus varieties
6. Potentilla potentilla fruticosa varieties (deciduous)
7. Laurel 'Otto Luyken' prunus laurocerasus
8. Skimma skimma japonica
9. Boxwood buxus
10. Dwarf Snowflake philadelphus virginais (deciduous)

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| 11. Dwarf Barberry 'Nana' | berberis buxifolia (deciduous) |
| 12. Eunymous 'Emerald Gaiety' | eunymous fortunei |
| 13. English Lavender | lavandula vera (deciduous) |
| 14. Rosemary | rosmarinus officinalis |
| 15. Blue Oat grass | helictorichon 'Varieties' |
| 16. Japanesse Blood Grass | imperata 'Varieties' |
| 17. Evergreen Miscanthus | miscanthus transmorrisonensis |

B.) Medium Growing Shrubs

Plants in this group usually grow from 4-8 feet. All plants are evergreen unless otherwise noted.

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| 1. Abelia | abelia grandiflora |
| 2. Acuba | acuba japonica |
| 3. Red leaf Jap, Barberry | berberis thunbergii (deciduous) |
| 4. Darwin Barberry | berberis darwinii |
| 5. Wintergreen Barberry | berberis julianae |
| 6. Camellia | camellia japonica |
| 7. Escallonia | escallonia rubra |
| 8. Euonymus 'Burning Bush' | euonymus alata (deciduous) |
| 9. Euonymus | euonymus japonica varieties |
| 10. Hydrangea | hydrangea macrophylla (deciduous) |
| 11. Nandina 'Heavenly Bamboo' | nandina domestica |
| 12. Forsythia 'Lynwood Gold' | forsythia (deciduous) |
| 13. Pieris | pieris japonica |
| 14. Red Osier Dogwood 'Kelsey' | cornus sericea (native plant) |
| 15. Sumac 'Staghorn' | rhus typhina (deciduous) |
| 16. Spiraea | spiraea varieties (deciduous) |
| 17. Lilac | syringa vulgaris (deciduous) |
| 18. Weigela 'Flordia' | weigela (deciduous) |
| 19. Rhododendron, varieties | |
| 20. Dwarf Pampas Grass | Cortaderia Selloana 'Pumila' |
| 21. Maiden Grass | Miscanthus Sinensis 'Gracillimus' or 'Morning light' |
| 22. Silver feather grass | Miscanthus Sinensis 'Siberfeder' |
| 23. Varigated Silver Grass | Miscanthus Sinensis ' variegatus' |
| 24. Zebra Grass | Miscanthus Sinensis 'Zebrinus' |
| 25. Eulalia | Miscanthus Sinensis var. Condensatus or 'silberpfeil' |

C.) Tall Growing Shrubs

Plants in this group usually grow to 9 feet of more. All plants are evergreen unless otherwise noted.

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| 1. Witch Hazel | hamamelis japonica (deciduous) |
| 2. Smoke Tree | cotinus coggygria (deciduous) |
| 3. Cotoneaster 'Parneyi' | cotoneaster parneyi |
| 4. Magnolia, varieties (deciduous) | |

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| 5. | Photinia | photinia fraseri |
| 6. | English Laurel | prunus laurocerasus |
| 7. | Viburnum | viburnum burkwoodii 'Burkwoodii' |
| 8. | Viburnum 'Chinese Snowbell' | viburnum macrocephalum (deciduous) |
| 9. | Viburnum 'Snowbell' | viburnum opulus (deciduous) |
| 10. | Viburnum 'Robustum' | viburnum tinus |
| 11. | Viburnum 'Davidii' | viburnum davidii |
| 12. | Pampas Grass | cortaderia selloana 'Varieties' |
| 13. | Hakone Grass | hakonechloa maca |

D.) Northwest Native Shrubs-Evergreen

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| 1. | Salal | gaultheria shallon |
| 2. | Tall Oregon Grape | mahonia aquifolium (drought tolerant) |
| 3. | Davidson's Penstemon | penstemon davidsonii |
| 4. | Lowbush Penstemon | penstemo fruticosus |
| 5. | Evergreen Huckleberry | vaccinium ovatum |

E.) Northwest Native Shrubs-Deciduous

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| 1. | Serviceberry | amelanchier alnifolia |
| 2. | Red Osier Dogwood | cornus stolonifera |
| 3. | Beaked Hazlenut | corylus cornuta |
| 4. | Oceanspray | holodiscus discolor |
| 5. | Orange Honeysuckle | lonicera ciliosa |
| 6. | Twinberry | lonicera involucrate |
| 7. | Indian Plum/Osoberry | oemleria cerasiformis |
| 8. | Mock Orange | philadelphus lewisii |
| 9. | Red Flowering Currant | ribes sanguineum |
| 10. | Red Elderberry | sambucus racemosa |
| 11. | Subalpine Spirea | spirea densiflora |
| 12. | Snowberry | symphoricarpos albus |
| 13. | Red Huckleberry | vaccinium parvifolium (drought tolerant) |

F.) Drought Resistant Shrubs

These shrubs have a moderate to good tolerance to drought conditions. All young, newly planted shrubs require irrigation for a minimum of two years.

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| 1. | Barberry | berberis varieties | B3,4,5 |
| 2. | Juniper | juniperus chinensis | G3 |
| 3. | Staghorn Sumac | rhus typhina | B15 |
| 4. | Rockrose | cistus 'Brown Eyes' | A5 |
| 5. | Cotoneaster | cotoneaster | C3 |
| 6. | Abelia | abelia | B1 |
| 7. | Boxwood | buxus | A9 |
| 8. | Smoke Tree | cotinus coggyria | C2 |

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| 9. Rosemary | rosmarinus officinalis lamiaceae | A14 |
| 10. Oregon Grape | mahonia | A3,D2,J8 |

G.) Low Growing Conifers

Plants in this group are usually less than 4 feet.

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| 1. Dwarf Balsam Fir | abies balsamea 'Nana' |
| 2. Dwarf Hinoki Cypress | chamaecyparis obtusa 'Nana' |
| 3. Junipers | juniperus chinensis varieties |
| 4. Nest Spruce | picea excelsa 'Nidiformis' |
| 5. Weeping Norway Spruce | picea excelsa 'Pendula' |
| 6. Dwarf Alberta Spruce | picea glauca 'Conica' |
| 7. Mugho Pine | pinus mugo |
| 8. Dwarf White Pine | pinus strobes 'Nana' |
| 9. Spreading English Yew | taxus baccata 'Repandens' |
| 10. Sargent Weeping Hemlock | tsuga canadensis 'Pendula' |
| 11. Arborvitae | thuja occidentalis 'Little Gem' |
| 12. False Cypress | chamaecyparis pisifera |
| 13. Sherwood Moss Arborvitae | thuja |

H.) Medium Growing Conifers

Plants in this group are usually 4 to 8 feet.

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| 1. Hinoki Cypress | chamaecyparis obtuse |
| 2. Threadbranch Cypress | chamaecyparis pisifera 'Filifera and 'Filifera Aurea' |
| 3. Arborvitae | thuja occidentalis 'Pyramidalis', 'Aurea Nana', 'Woodwardii' |

I.) Groundcovers

English ivy is prohibited as a groundcover.

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| 1. Wintercreeper | euonymus fortunei varieties (evergreen) |
| 2. Sweet Woodruff | gallium odoratum (semi-evergreen) |
| 3. St. John's Wort | hypericum (semi-evergreen) |
| 4. Japanese Spurge | pachysandra terminalis (evergreen) |
| 5. Creeping Raspberry | rubus calsynoides (evergreen) |
| 6. Sedum | kamtschaticum (semi-evergreen) |
| 7. Spirea | japonica 'Gold Mound', 'Little Princess' (deciduous) |
| 8. Big Leaf Periwinkle | vinca major (evergreen) |
| 9. Periwinkle, Myrtle | vinca minor (evergreen) |
| 10. Blue Pacific Juniper | juniperus 'Conferta' (evergreen) |
| 11. Blue Rug Juniper | juniperus 'Wiltoni' (evergreen) |
| 12. Dwarf Juniper | juniperus 'Nana' (evergreen) |
| 13. Barharbor Juniper | juniperus horizontalis (evergreen) |

J.) Northwest Native Ground Covers-Evergreen

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| 1. Kinnikinnick | arctostaphylos uva-ursi |
| 2. Wild Ginger | asarum caudatum |
| 3. Bunchberry | cornus Canadensis |
| 4. Beach Strawberry | fragaria chiloensis (drought tolerant) |
| 5. Slender Wintergreen | gaultheria ovatifolia |
| 6. Twinflower | linnaea borealis |
| 7. Partridgefoot | luetkea pectinata |
| 8. Low Oregon Grape | mahonia nervosa (drought tolerant) |

K.) Northwest Native Ferns

Ferns can be used as low growing shrubs or groundcover.

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| 1. Maidenhair Fern | adiantum pedatum (deciduous) |
| 2. Deer Fern | blechnum spicant (evergreen) |
| 3. Oak Fern | gymnocarpium dryopteris |
| 4. Sword Fern | polystichum munitum (evergreen) |

L.) Median Plantings

In main arterials plants shall be ground cover or low shrubs with a maturity of not more than 18 inches in height, 20 feet from each end. Only trees from the small and medium street tree list may be used with root barriers in medians. The remaining areas shall be shrubs of no more than 36 inches (3 feet) high at maturity and shall be planted according to City of Arlington's general landscape requirements.

M.) Parking Lot Plantings

This shall include trees and shrubs with a minimum distance of 48 inches (4 feet) from parking area pavement edge to allow for vehicle overhang except where wheel stops are provided, in which case the minimum distance from the pavement edge is 24" (2 feet). Parking lot shade trees, shrub and ground covers are to be chosen from the street tree and shrub list and planted according to City of Arlington's general landscape requirements.

N.) Noxious Weeds

Noxious weeds and other invasive plant material shall not be utilized in landscape areas. The Washington State Noxious Weed list can be obtained by contacting General Services. The list contains Class A, Class B, Class C, and Monitor Groups. Class A Noxious Weeds are non-native species with a limited distribution in the state. Therefore eradication of all Class A Noxious Weeds is required by the property owners, per state law. The following is a list of all Class A Noxious Weeds.

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| 1. Bean-caper, Syrian | Zygophyllum fabago |
| 2. Blueweed, Texas | Helianthus ciliaris |
| 3. Broom, Spanish | Spartium junceum |
| 4. Buffalobur | Solanum rostratum |
| 5. Clary, meadow | Salvia pratensis |
| 6. Cordgrass, salt meadow | Spartina patens |
| 7. Crupina, common | Crupina vulgaris |

8. Flax, spurge	<i>Thymelaea passerina</i>
9. Four o'clock, wild	<i>Mirabilis nyctaginea</i>
10. Goatsrue	<i>Galega officinalis</i>
11. Hawkweed, yellow devil	<i>Hieracium floribundum</i>
12. Hogweed, giant	<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>
13. Hydrilla	<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i>
14. Johnsongrass	<i>Sorghum halepense</i>
15. Knapweed, bighead	<i>Centaurea macrocephala</i>
16. Knapweed, Vochin	<i>Centaurea nigrescens</i>
17. Lawnweed	<i>Soliva sessilis</i>
18. Mustard, garlic	<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>
19. Nightshade, silverleaf	<i>Solanum elaeagnifolium</i>
20. Sage, clary	<i>Salvia sclarea</i>
21. Sage, Mediterranean	<i>Salvia aethiopis</i>
22. Saltcedar	<i>Tamarix ramosissima</i>
23. Spurge, eggleaf	<i>Euphorbia oblongata</i>
24. Starthistle, purple	<i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i>
25. Thistle, Italian	<i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i>
26. Thistle, milk	<i>Silybum marianum</i>
27. Thistle, slenderflower	<i>Carduus tenuiflorus</i>
28. Velvetleaf	<i>Abutilon theophrasti</i>
29. Wood, dyers	<i>Isatis tinctoria</i>