

Timely Tips Series

Common Landscape Plants

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Below is a list of the most commonly used shrubs, trees, vines and turf grasses for Arkansas conditions. Plant materials are divided into use categories, but these are merely suggestions.

Foundation Plantings

Front of Buildings – Broadleaf Evergreens

Fatsia japonica, 6' - 8' (shade)*
Camellia japonica, 12' - 15' (shade)*
Camellia sasanqua, 10' - 12' (shade)*
Cleyera japonica, 8' - 10' (shade)*
Compacta holly, 5' - 7'
Azalea (Kurume type), 3' - 4'
Mugho pine, 4'
Carolina jasmine (vine)
Santolina, 2' - 3' (sun)
Carissa holly, 3' - 4'
Redleaf barberry, 4' - 5'
Yucca, 4' - 8' (sun)
Azalea (Indica type), 6' - 8'*
Burfordi holly, 15' - 25'
Dwarf Burfordi holly, 6' - 8'
Fosteri holly, 12' - 15'
Dwarf yaupon holly, 3' - 4'
Mahonia bealei, 8' - 10' (shade)
Nandina domestica, 5' - 6'
Dwarf Chinese holly, 3' - 4'
Aucuba, 4' - 6' (shade)*
Pyracantha, 12' - 15'
Creeping junipers (many varieties),
1/2' - 3' (sun)
Dwarf nandina, 12" - 18"

Sides and Backs of Buildings

Abelia grandiflora, 5' - 7'
Azalea, 1 1/2' - 10'
Bridal wreath spirea, 5' - 6'
Cleyera japonica, 8' - 10'*
Forsythia, 6' - 8'
Hydrangea, 4' - 5' (shade)
Mahonia bealei, 8' (shade)
Nandina domestica, 6'
Weigela, 6' - 8'
Gardenia, 12' - 15'*
Flowering quince, 6' - 8'

Planter Materials – Outside

Aucuba, 4' - 6'*
Dwarf yaupon holly, 3' - 4'
English ivy (vine)
Dwarf Chinese holly, 3' - 4'
Euonymus coloratus (vine)
Helleri holly, 2' - 3'
Creeping junipers (many varieties),
1/2' - 3'
Rock cotoneaster, 2' - 3'
Dwarf nandina, 12" - 18"

Espaliers

Dwarf Burfordi holly, 10' - 12'
Dwarf apple, 10' - 15'
Dwarf pear, 15' - 20'
Pyracantha, 15' - 20'
Russian olive, 15' - 20'
Cleyera japonica, 8' - 10' (shade)

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Trees – Small to Medium

Cherry laurel (evergreen), 30' - 35'
Dogwood, 25' - 30'
Flowering crab, 15' - 30'
Magnolia grandiflora (evergreen), 60'
Crape myrtle, 20' - 25'
Japanese maple, 15' - 25'
Magnolia soulangeana, 30' - 35'
Golden raintree, 30' - 35'
Sassafras, 30' - 35'
Redleaf Japanese maple, 25' - 30'
Deciduous holly, 20' - 25'
Yaupon holly (evergreen), 20' - 25'
Redbud, 30' - 35'
River birch, 20' - 40'
Bradford pear, 30' - 40'
Chinese pistache, 30' - 35'

Shade Trees

Ash sp., 50' - 100'
Ginkgo, 75' - 80'
Hackberry, 90'
Pecan (Deltas), 100'
American linden, 60'
Tulip tree - Yellow poplar, 100'
River birch, 60' - 80'
Pin oak, 60' - 80'
Sugar maple, 60' - 90'
Southern red oak, 70' - 80'
White oak, 100'
Willow oak, 100'
Black gum, 100'
Cypress, 75'
Water oak, 60' - 80'

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Ground Covers

English ivy, 8" - 12"
Euonymus coloratus, 12" - 18"
Ajuga, 5" - 6"
Pachysandra, 8"
Winter creeper euonymus, 8" - 1'
Mondo grass (Monkey grass), 6" - 12"
Vinca (major and minor), 6" - 8"
Creeping junipers (full sun), 6" - 18"
Liriope, 15" - 18"

Screening Materials

Elaeagnus, 8' - 12'
Abelia, 6' - 8'
Burfordi holly, 10' - 15'
Pampus grass, 6' - 8'*
Nellie Stevens Holly, 12' - 15'
Yaupon holly, 20' - 25'
Leatherleaf Viburnum, 8' - 12'

Turf Grasses

Warm Season

Bermuda grasses
Zoysia grasses
Centipede*

Cool Season

Fescue sp.
Ryegrass

This material was originally prepared by Kenneth R. Scott, retired Extension horticulturist - ornamentals.