

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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\*Central to south Arkansas

## 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

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