City of Plantation Environmental Landscaping Division - Public Works Department

List of Recommended Trees for Single Family Residences and Single Family Dwellings in a PRD

LARGE SHADE TREES

Typically a large-sized tree at maturity requiring a minimum of 200 sq ft of growing space

Minimum size specifications at time of planting: 12' height x 6' spread x 2.5" caliper

Common Name	Scientific Name	Height (ft)	Spread (ft)	Light Tolerance	Growth	Foliage	Flowers	FL Native	Special Features
Bald Cypress	Taxodium distichum	60-80	25-35	Full sun to partial shade	Fast	Deciduous	Inconspicuous	х	Coniferous tree, prefers wet sites
Brazilian Beautyleaf	Calophyllum brasiliense	30-40	30-40	Full sun to partial shade	Moderate	Evergreen	Creamy, small		Fragrant flowers
Copperpod	Peltophorum pterocarpum	40-50	30-45	Full sun	Fast	Semi-evergreen	Yellow, showy		Similar to Yellow Poinciana
East Indian Mahogany	Swietenia mahagoni	40-50	40-60	Full sun to partial shade	Fast	Semi-evergreen	Green, inconspicuous	х	Woody, explosive fruits
Golden Rain Tree	Koelreuteria elegans	35-45	30-45	Full sun	Fast	Evergreen	Yellow, showy		Ornamental fruits
Gumbo Limbo	Bursera simaruba	25-40	25-40	Full sun to partial shade	Moderate	Semi-evergreen	Green, inconspicuous	х	Attractive bark
Indian Tamarind	Tamarindus indica	40-60	40-50	Full sun	Moderate	Evergreen	Red/yellow, inconspicuous		Attractive, edible fruits
Paradise Tree	Simarouba glauca	40-50	25-30	Full sun to partial shade	Moderate	Evergreen	Yellow, showy	х	Messy fruits
Podocarpus	Podocarpus macrophyllus	30-40	20-25	Full sun to partial shade	Slow	Evergreen	Inconspicuous		Coniferous tree
Red Maple	Acer rubrum	30-45	15-30	Full sun to partial shade	Fast	Deciduous	Red, showy	х	Prefers wet sites
Royal Poinciana	Delonix regia	35-40	40-60	Full sun	Fast	Deciduous	Red, orange, showy		Large tree, wide canopy
Soapberry	Sapindus saponaria	30-40	25-35	Full sun	Moderate	Evergreen	Creamy, inconspicuous	х	Poisonous seeds
Southern Live Oak	Quercus virginiana	60-80	60-120	Full sun to partial shade	Fast	Evergreen	Brown, inconspicuous	х	Exceptionally large tree
Wild Tamarind	Lysiloma latisiliquum	40-50	30-50	Full sun	Fast	Evergreen	White, in heads	х	
Yellow Poinciana	Peltophorum dubium	30-40	30-40	Full sun	Fast	Semi-evergreen	Yellow, showy		Similar to Copperpod

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