

RECOMMENDED TREE SPECIES FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY PLANTINGS

Large/Medium Trees & Palms

- live oak (*Quercus virginiana*)
- baldcypress (*Taxodium distichum*)
- Montezuma baldcypress (*Taxodium mucronatum*)
- cedar elm (*Ulmus crassifolia*)
- pecan (*Carya illinoensis*)
- magnolia (*Magnolia grandiflora*)
- bur oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*)
- overcup oak (*Quercus lyrata*)
- Compton's oak (*Quercus x comptoniae* = *Q. virginiana* X *Q. lyrata*)
- Mexican sycamore (*Platanus mexicana*)
- anacua (*Ebretia anacua*)
- Texas ebony (*Ebenopsis ebano* or *Pithecellobium flexicanle*)
- Italian stone pine (*Pinus pinea*)
- Texas sabal palm (*Sabal mexicana*)
- California fanpalm (*Washingtonia filifera*)
- Canary Island date palm (*Phoenix canariensis*)
- Florida sabal palm (*Sabal palmetto*)

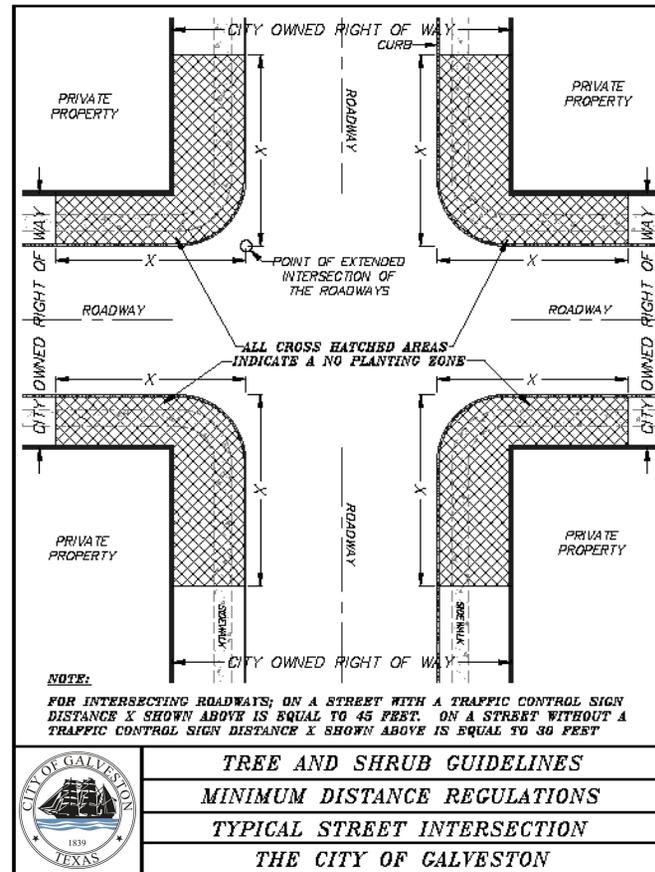
Small Trees (<20' tall at maturity)

- yaupon (*Ilex vomitoria*)
- crapemyrtle (*Lagerstroemia indica*)
- Jerusalem-thorn or retama (*Parkinsonia aculeata*)
- Desert-willow (*Chilopsis linearis*)
- possumhaw (*Ilex decidua*)
- Eve's-necklace (*Sophora affinis* or *Styphnolobium affine*)
- orchidtree (*Bauhinia spp.*)
- Japanese black pine (*Pinus thunbergii*)
- flameleaf sumac (*Rhus lanceolata*)

Species to Avoid in the City ROW

- oleander (*Nerium oleander*)
- Japanese yew (*Podocarpus macrophyllus*)
- windmill palm (*Trachycarpus fortunei*)
- Chinese tallowtree (*Triadica sebifera* or *Sapium sebiferum*)
- saltcedar (*Tamarix spp.*)
- Arizona ash (*Fraxinus velutina*)
- Japanese or Chinese privet (*Ligustrum spp.*)
- Willow species (*Salix spp.*)
- Rubbertree (*Ficus elastica*)
- all bamboo species
- palms w/ less than 5' clear trunk
- any shrub species maintained as a shrub

INTERSECTION DIAGRAM



All of this information is available
on the City's Webpage!

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REPLANTING
IN THE CITY
RIGHT-OF-WAY



A Property Owner's Guide



5 STEPS FOR PLANTING IN THE CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY



Step One: Measure

Before planting you will need to take five (5) specific measurements.



1. **Measure** the width of the grassy strip from the curb line to the sidewalk (or from the drainage ditch parallel to the roadway). This is called a “tree lawn.” **Do not plant trees in grassy strips less than 4’ wide.**

- Small trees may be planted in grassy strips 4’-7’ wide.
- Large trees may only be planted in a strip 5’ wide or larger.

No sidewalk? No problem!

Don’t plant closer than 2.5’ or further than 3.5’ from the curb line to avoid conflicting with a future sidewalk.

2. **Measure** the distance to the closest intersection. **Do not plant within 45’ from the intersection on streets with a traffic control sign** (i.e. stop sign, yield sign, etc.) **Do not plant within 30’ from the intersection on streets with no traffic control signs.**

3. **Measure** back from the alley. **Do not plant within 15’ from the alley.**

4. **Measure** from hydrants/utility poles/street lights. **Do not plant within 10’ from these objects.**

5. **Measure** from driveways or walkways other than sidewalks. **Do not plant within 5’ of driveways or walkways other than sidewalks.**

Step Two: Locate the Utilities

1. **Locate** overhead utility lines. Only small trees may be planted under utility lines.

2. **Locate** underground utilities:

- Call (409) 797-3630 to locate City-owned water, sanitary sewer mains, and service lines.
- Call 811 to locate electrical, gas, telephone and cable lines. Locates can take up to 5 days.

Do not plant before you know where all of the lines are located. Never plant over a utility/storm/water/sanitary sewer main or service line.



Step Three: Select Your Landscaping Trees & Plants

Select trees from those species recommended in this pamphlet.

These trees are suited for our area and do not require large amounts of water once established. The list specifies mature tree size distinguishing those trees considered “small” versus medium/large varieties. Choose trees that will not spread into and obstruct the sidewalk.

Please note: Palms must have 5’ of brown trunk at time of planting.

****Exception Requests****

- Please provide your exception requests to engineering@galvestontx.gov
- On State Highways such as Broadway, Ferry Rd, FM3005, Harborside Dr. please obtain TxDOT and City approval prior to planting.
- For Seawall Blvd. (east of 61st Street), please obtain County, USACE and City approval.
- For UTMB & Port of Galveston areas in the ROW, please obtain appropriate approvals from the entities & the City

Step Five: Planting & Maintenance

- * Plant small trees at least 20’ apart.
- * Plant medium/large trees 30’ apart.
- * Do not plant between a drainage ditch and the road.
- * Planting is recommended in the center of the tree lawn, but must be between 2.5’ and 3.5’ from the curb.

Maintain your plantings!

Do not allow plants to obstruct a driver’s view of traffic, traffic control devices, or block the sidewalk, or overhang within 15’ of an alley, road or sidewalk.

