

Pre-approved Plant List for Town and Country Village

This list has been compiled from information found in the following resources:

CSU Cooperative Extension website

Garden Centers of Colorado pamphlet “Get X-Rated, Xeriscape Gardening”

“Western Garden Book” Sunset Publishing Company

Parker Arboretum website

Photos from various websites

All plants listed should be suitable for our specific planting zone and at least somewhat drought hardy. However, specific site conditions (sun exposure, drainage, etc.) should be considered; and all new plantings will need extra care and water for the first year or two to get established. Since our sprinkler system is designed to water the common area grass and not the planter beds, it is the individual homeowner’s responsibility to water the trees and shrubs (existing and new) around his or her own home. These plants have been selected to provide variety with the least amount of maintenance, but the list is not meant to be all inclusive.

If individual homeowners wish to use plants not specifically listed here they may submit a plan and request to the ACC for review and approval. If they wish to use higher maintenance plants, they must accept responsibility for the additional work and expense involved. Lastly, when planting any new plants please remember the mature size and growth rate—don’t plant too close to a wall, sidewalk, porch, or window well.

TREES

Bigtooth Maple (*Acer grandidentatum*) Native to Rocky Mts. Slow growing, small ornamental tree/large shrub, 5 lobed dark green leaves. Red to yellow fall color. Tolerates dry, alkaline soil. Mature height 25-30’; spread 20-25’. XXX-rated.



Amur Maple (*Acer tataricum*, *ginnala*) Also known as Ginnala Maple. Informal, small tree, may be as single stem tree or in clump form. 3 lobed leaves. Clusters of small yellowish flowers in spring turning to bright red winged seeds. Striking red fall color. Mature height 15-20'; spread 12-18'. X-rated.



Sutherland Caragana (*Caragana arborescens*) Also known as Peashrub. Unique v-shaped multi-stemmed tree/shrub with upright narrow growth. Well adapted to extreme conditions (heat, cold, dry, windy, etc.) Bronze-yellow bark, leaves divided into small leaflets. Yellow flowers in spring resemble sweet peas. Consider planting site as this plant does have thorns. XXX-rated.



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'WALKER':

Weeping Cutleaf Peashrub has a waterfall of yellow flowers in May. Grafted on a 3' standard it makes an elegant garden centerpiece. Sun.

Crabapples (Malus) Many varieties available. Sizes and shapes vary, most being about 20' tall and 15-20' wide. Pointed oval shaped leaves vary from medium green to dark purple. Fall foliage is not impressive but spring flowers definitely are, ranging from pale pink to rose red. Fruit size and colors vary too. Most new varieties are disease and pest resistant. Crabapples make nice "specimen" trees and are useful planted near (6-8' minimum) fences and porches for screening or shade. Some of the varieties available locally are: Prairifire, Adams, Brandywine, David. Flowering crabapples may require more ongoing upkeep by you the homeowner (ie. Pruning, water, etc.) but will be well worth the effort. Please check with the nursery to select a "fruitless" variety. X-rated.



Approximate tree size reference 10' 14' 20'



SHRUBS

Red Twig Dogwood (*Cornus sericea*) Red-osier dogwood. Grown for red fall foliage and winter twigs. White flower clusters in spring and summer. Leaves are 1 ½" to 3" dark green. Rapid growth to big multi-stem shrub. Should be pruned severely in late dormant season to control size and promote new branches and twigs for the next year. Cold and shade tolerant and prefers a moister location. Mature height 7-9'; width 10-12'. This shrub can quickly outgrow a small location. There are already many of these shrubs already in the neighborhood, some already blocking sidewalks!



Potentilla (*potentilla fruticosa*) Fairly trouble-free plants native to the Rocky Mts. Sturdy, clumping shrubs with dark green to grey green small leaves. Bloom from late spring to early fall with smallish white or yellow flowers, flowering best with full sun exposure. Tolerates poor soil, drought, and heat. Mature height 1-4'; spread 1-3'. Needs very little pruning. XX-rated. There are many of these in the neighborhood



Mock Orange (*Philadelphus microphyllus*) Slow growing shrub with small grey green leaves. Extremely fragrant, 1" white or cream colored flowers bloom in late spring or early summer. Not fussy about soil type and is somewhat drought tolerant, may need partial shade in hottest sites. Must have good drainage. Mature height 4-5'; spread 3-5". This shrub has a wonderful fragrance when in bloom which may attract bees and butterflies, so consider location. It should also be pruned annually just after bloom to remove surplus shoots at base and to cut out oldest wood. This type of pruning would be the responsibility of the homeowner. XX-rated.



Cotoneasters A highly variable group from low ground covers to medium upright to tall shrubs. All grow vigorously and thrive with little or no maintenance. Often look better and produce more berries when planted on dry slope or poor soil. Tiny white or pinkish flowers produce light to dark red berries; leaves are small, shiny and vary in color by variety. Best with little or no pruning so allow plenty of space esp. for low spreading varieties. Check with local nurseries for varieties best suited to your planting site. XX-rated.



Western Sand Cherry (*Prunus besseyi*) Upright, rounded shape with grey green leaves. Fragrant white flowers in mid spring followed by sweet purplish black edible fruit. Red fall color. Withstands heat, cold, wind, and drought. Needs well drained soil. Mature height 3-6"; spread 3-6".



Mugo Pine (*Pinus mugo mugo*) Small to medium slow growing evergreen pine with 2" needles, 1 1/2" cones. Symmetrical, round shape. Requires well drained soil, may be rocky. Drought tolerant and best with little or no fertilizer. Size or shape may be easily controlled by cutting back partway or entirely the "candles" of new growth when they begin to emerge in spring. Mature height 3-8'; spread 3-10'. X-rated.



Apache Plume (*Fallugia paradoxa*) Semi-evergreen shrub. Small grey green lobed leaves on graceful arching stems; straw colored branches with shredded bark. Spring/summer flowers resemble single white roses 1 ½” wide. Feathery pinkish seed heads follow to create soft-colored changing “haze” through which you can see the shrub’s rigid branch pattern. Needs gritty, well drained soil; pruning usually not needed. Mature height 4-6’; spread 5’. XXX-rated.



Cliff Rose (*Cowania mexicana stansburiana*) Evergreen shrub with ridged, gnarled branches and tiny “toothed” leaves. Fragrant creamy yellow flowers ½” wide followed by tiny fruits seeds with long feathery tails. Mature height 6’; spread. XXX-rated.



Burning Bush (*Euonymus alatus compacta*) Deciduous “vase” shaped shrub. Small dark green leaves turn bright clear red in fall. Shade tolerant but has best fall color in sunny location. Needs well drained soil, established plants are somewhat drought tolerant. Mature height 6-10’; spread 5-8’.



ORNAMENTAL GRASSES

Blue Oat Grass (*Helictotrichon sempervirens*) Semi-evergreen, perennial grass. Blue-gray leaves in fountain-like clump. Stems grow 2' or more above foliage with wispy straw-colored flower clusters. Best in rich, well-drained soil. Mature height 2-3'; spread 2-3'. Attractive as specimen in rock gardens. X-rated.



Feather Reed Grass (*Calamagrostis acutiflora*) Erect arching clump grass 2-3' tall and wide. Plume stems extend height up to 6' tall. Feathery plumes start purplish-green fade to yellow then buff; may be cut for fresh or dried flower arrangements. X-rated.



Common Blue Fescue (*Festuca glauca*) Dense clump, blue-grey to silver leaves, small flower spikes in summer. "Elijah Blue" is intensely colored, tougher and longer lived variety. Mature height 1'; spread 8-12".

