

GLENDALE NO PLANT LIST

The Glendale Tree Board approved this “no plant list” as a way to guide it’s citizens to better choices in planting trees on “city property”. The Public Works Department of the City of Glendale spends countless hours and dollars caring for and removing trees from “city property” this list along with the new Tree Permit will go a long way to reducing the need for some of those costs. This list, though we would like to see none of the trees planted, only pertains to the “City Property and Right-a-way” not private property, our goal is to reduce costs and damage due to damage from existing and newly planted trees. Here is the Glendale No Plant List:

1. Ash trees of any variety, *Fraxinus* sp., Ash trees are subject to death and destructions from Emerald Ash Borer which is in Missouri not St. Louis yet but will be here in a few years at current spread rates continue.
2. Bradford Pear and Callery Pear varieties, *Pyrus calleryana* Bradford, these trees were over planted in the 80’s and 90’s before all was known about them. They break easily in storms especially after about 10 years of growth, thought to be pollen sterile they have become invasive.
3. Sweet Gum or Gumball Tree, *Liquidambar styraciflua*, not only are the balls a tripping hazard, but the tree is soft wooded and prone to damage in storms.
- 4 Silver Maple, *Acer saccharinum*, another soft wooded tree that is also very shallow rooted which can damage sidewalks and streets.
5. Box Elder Maple, *Acer negundo*, all the problems of Silver Maple only worse.
6. Pin Oak, *Quercus palustris*, though a good hard wood tree, its down-sweep branches are a problem both for cars and trucks on the street and pedestrians on sidewalks. They also have lots of acorns some years.
7. Sycamore, *Platanus occidentalis*, though used a lot as a street tree over the years they break easily in storms and have shallow root system leads to sidewalk and street damage.
8. Weeping Willow, *Salix babylonica*, another tree with soft wood and shallow roots plus their roots find sewers leading to all sorts of problems.
- 9 Osage Orange, *Maclura pomifera*, though very hard woods tree it has thornes and a large solid fruit that can damage passing vehicles and pedestrians.
10. Mulberry, *Morus alba*, s large soft wooded tree with messy purple fruit.
11. Female Ginkgo, *Ginkgo biloba*, though a prehistoric tree, the female fruit is odoriferous and messy, newer male cultivars are appropriate.

12. Tree of Heaven, *Ailanthus altissima*, a weed tree that is fast growing but soft wooded and invasive.

13. Washington Hawthorne, *Crateagus phaenophrum*, although this is the State Flower, the tree has large thorns and is prone to a number of diseases which leads to excessive maintenance.

These trees or improved varieties of them have a place in the landscape and can be planted on private property but have no place on city property or city right-a-ways.