



City of South St. Paul | Boulevard Tree Planting List

When planting in boulevards without sidewalks, 4-5' behind the curb is usually sufficient. Short-stature trees that cannot be raised for street clearance need more consideration, especially if there is a lot of on-street parking.

Tree Species	Boulevard Size			
	5' wide	5-6' wide	6-8' wide	20' wide + or natural areas
Crabapple* Adams, Adirondack, Donald Wyman, Prairifire, Red Jewel, Royal Raindrops, Select A (Firebird), Jamin (Marilee), Sutyzam (Sugar Tyme)		Amur Maackia*	American Basswood^	Bitternut Hickory
Japanese Tree Lilac*	Blue Beech	American Sycamore^	Shagbark Hickory	
Serviceberry: Allegheny or Shadblow	Eastern Redbud* MN Strain	Elm (disease-resistant) ^ Accolade, Frontier, New Harmony, Triumph, Jefferson, Prairie Expedition		
	Hawthorn*	Ginkgo Autumn Gold, Princeton Sentry, Magyar, Presidential Gold		
	Honeylocust	Hackberry		
	Ironwood	Horse Chestnut		
	Manchurian Alder	Kentucky Coffeetree		
	Northern Catalpa	Littleleaf Linden^		
	River Birch	London Planetree^		
	Serviceberry: Apple*	Oaks^ Bur Chinkapin Northern Pin Northern Red Swamp White White		
	Three Flowered Maple*	Oak Hybrids^: Prairie Stature Heritage Ancestry		
	Turkish Filbert (Hazelnut)	Ohio Buckeye		
	Yellowwood			

*Check mature width of cultivar, select uprights/smaller canopy types, or use caution if there is on-street parking since it is harder to maintain appropriate clearance of 14-18' from street surface for ornamental trees along streets. A clearance of 6-8' will be required on the sidewalk side of the boulevard. In order to gain canopy benefits of ornamentals, space them closer together (15-20' apart) than a you would a typical larger "shade tree" so their mature canopies will touch.

^These trees need the most space in boulevards for any one of these reasons: attain a large height, have dense canopies that predispose them to windthrow, shallow root systems that tend to heave sidewalks, or have large zones of rapid taper.