

Trees Recommended for Planting in Edenton

SMALL TREES				
May be placed under powerlines with 4-6' right of way		Mature Height	Mature Spread	Deciduous/ Evergreen Foliage
Rhus copallinum	Winged Sumac	10-20'	7-15'	D
Ilex vomitoria	Yaupon	10-21'	8-12'	E
Magnolia virginiana	Sweetbay Magnolia	10-35'	10-35'	D
Amelanchier laevis	Allegheny Serviceberry	15-25'	15-20'	D
Amelanchier arborea	Serviceberry	15-25'	10-15'	D
Cornus florida	Flowering Dogwood	15-25'	15-30'	D
Cornus alternifolia	Pagoda Dogwood	15-25'	20-30'	D
Chionanthus virginicus	Fringetree	15-30'	12-20'	D
Asimina triloba	PawPaw	15-30'	15-30'	D
Hamamelis virginiana	Southern Witchhazel	15-30'	15-20'	D
Halesia diptera	Silverbell	15-30'	15-25'	D
Myrica cerifera	Wax Myrtle	20-25'	8-10'	E
Amelanchier x grandiflora	Shadbush	20-25'	15-20'	D
Oxydendrum arboreum	Sourwood	20-30'	10-15'	D
Malus angustifolia	Southern Crabapple	20-30'	20-30'	D
Carpinus caroliniana	American Hornbeam	20-30'	20-35'	D
Crataegus phaenopyrum	Washington Hawthorn	20-35'	20-25'	D
Crataegus viridis	Green Hawthorn	20-35'	20-35'	D
Ostrya virginica	Eastern Hop Hornbeam	20-40'	15-30'	D
Morus rubra	Red Mulberry	25-60'	35-40'	D
MEDIUM TREES				
Plant in areas with more than 8' between street, curb and sidewalk; no overhead power lines.		Mature Height	Mature Spread	Deciduous/ Evergreen Foliage
Sassafras albidum	Sassafras	30-60'	25-40'	D
Betula nigra	River Birch	30-70'	40-60'	D
Diospyros virginiana	Persimmon	30-80'	20-35'	D
Juniperus virginiana	Eastern Red Cedar	35-40'	10-20'	E
Acer rubrum	Red Maple	35-50'	30-50'	D
Quercus lyrata	Overcup Oak	35-60'	35-60'	D
LARGE TREES				
Plant in areas with 8' between street, curb and sidewalk; no overhead power lines		Mature Height	Mature Spread	Deciduous/ Evergreen Foliage
Celtis occidentalis	Common Hackberry	40-100'	30-60'	D
Quercus stellata	Post Oak	40-50'	35-50'	D
Ilex opaca	American Holly	40-60'	10-20'	E
Nyssa biflora	Swamp Black Gum	40-70'	20-35'	D
Nyssa sylvatica	Black Gum	40-70'	20-35'	D
Quercus phellos	Willow Oak	40-75'	25-50'	D
Quercus virginiana	Live Oak	40-80'	30-100'	E
Quercus bicolor	Swamp White Oak	50-60'	50-60'	D
Celtis laevigata	Sugar Hackberry	50-70'	30-60'	D
Quercus rubra	Northern Red Oak	50-70'	50-75'	D
Quercus shumardii	Shumard Oak	50-70'	30-40'	D
Taxodium distichum	Bald Cypress	50-70'	20-30'	D
Quercus coccinea	Scarlet Oak	50-80'	45-60'	D
Quercus michauxii	Swamp Chestnut Oak	60-80'	30-70'	D
Tilia americana	American Basswood	60-80'	30-60'	D
Chamaecyparis thyoides	Atlantic White Cedar	60-80'	30-40'	E
Magnolia grandifolia	Southern Magnolia	60-80'	30-50'	E
Carya illinoensis	Pecan	70-100'	45-75'	D
Platanus occidentalis	Sycamore	75-100'	75-100'	D
Liriodendron tlioifera	Tulip Poplar	80-120'	30-60'	D
Quercus pagoda	Cherrybark Oak	90-130'	30-70'	D

For Additional Tree Information visit: Suggested Tree List - Official Website of the Town of Edenton.  
If you have questions regarding trees you would like to plant contact the Town Planner 252 482 2155.

Compiled by Edenton Tree Committee arborist advisors with combined experience recorded over 50 years.  
Other trees can succeed here; this list promises best results for you.

The Tree Committee Mission

- To protect, manage and promote tree care and tree resources for Edenton.
- To strive to maintain healthy trees in our community and protect trees threatened by disease or land development, through sound management.
- To employ committee knowledge and expertise to accomplish safely and effectively our Tree Committee mission.
- To provide community service through the duties and responsibilities of the committee.

Tree Guidelines

There are specific guidelines (rules) established by the town, in accordance with standards set by TREE CITY USA in order to maintain our Tree City status.  
If you are new in town, check your home plot survey and learn where your property line meets the town rights-of-way.  
If you don't have a survey contact the Town Planner for more right-of-way information.

This pamphlet is available on-line through the QR code symbol at right.



Before you dig, cut or hire:

For street trees see the town's Code of Ordinances chapter 97, and for private trees in the Historic District see its Design Standards; or alternatively call the Town Planner at 252 482-2155 to ensure you and your tree care company follows the town rules governing substantial pruning of trees and their removal.

You can get help:

If you see a problem with any tree on public land needing attention, report the issue. Contact the Town Planner at 252 482 2155.

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Why we LOVE our TREES in Edenton.

Tree Committee offers facts you need to know.



Spring azaleas and crape myrtles in the park



## Did You Know?

Edenton is one of only four North Carolina towns or cities awarded TREE CITY USA recognition every single year since the program's 1978 adoption in North Carolina.

Administered by the Arbor Day Foundation, the Tree City USA awards were initiated to inspire nationwide a vision of a greener, healthier America.

### Edenton has a Tree Committee.

The Edenton Tree Committee is charged to study, investigate, counsel, develop and/or update annually, and administer a written plan for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of trees and shrubs in parks, along streets and in other public areas. The Tree Committee serves in an advisory capacity on all town-initiated construction projects.

There is a **Chart of Recommended Native Trees** in this document that will help you choose trees that grow well in Edenton. It was prepared with over 50 years of combined study by Tree Committee members.

**Our Goal**  
Cooler temperatures.  
Cleaner air.  
Higher property values.  
Healthier residents.

Edenton teens plant a black gum at the Boys and Girls Club during Arbor Day celebration, May 2022.



## Our Townspeople Love Our Trees

Edenton's trees bring a scenic beauty to our community. Our trees help create the historic atmosphere we love, and they encourage tourism, enabling our town to grow and increasing our tax base. Trees add value to our homes.

The 2022 count of Trees in the Town of Edenton totaled 1208 trees on public streets, parks, and cemeteries.

We also love our trees for the oxygen they give us. They improve our health and offer shade and cool, clean air.

We love our trees for their history and majesty—an undeniable heritage.

Mostly we love our trees because of the memories we share with them. Stand by one of our old oaks or elms and recall July 4th parades, or recall meeting family under a stately live oak on Broad Street, or know that our grandparents played on or near this tree as children, enjoying its shade many years ago. Our great-grandchildren will have the same opportunity to love our trees in future centuries.

Yes, in Edenton, we love our trees. We administer guidelines and rules to protect them. While trees are resilient, they are not invincible, and our descendants must protect and care for them just as we do.

**Our purpose is to assure our trees will beautify our town for many generations to come.**

## Important Facts:

Edenton has two governing bodies regarding trees within the town limits.

The Edenton Tree Committee oversees trees on all street rights of way and in town parks and cemeteries. If such a street tree or other town tree needs to be removed or cared for, the Tree Committee will determine the best outcome considering all alternatives. Citizens with concerns or questions regarding such town trees should contact the Town Planner at 252 482 2155.

The Historic Preservation Commission oversees tree decisions on private properties within the Edenton Historic District. Contact the Commission through the Town Planner at 252 482 2155.

Edenton has a Tree Walk: See the town and its lovely trees on our one-hour self-guided tour. Details at the Barker House Welcome Center.

Walk our Historic Museum Trail: Stop by the Historic Edenton Barker House Visitors' Center. Pick up there a brochure with a map and learn of the remarkable history of our town.

If you have questions about Edenton horticulture or agriculture, there is a wealth of information available. Contact the Chowan County Cooperative Extension office at 730 N. Granville Street, Suite A, in Edenton. Telephone 252 482 6585, or visit their website at: [chowan.ces.ncsu.edu](http://chowan.ces.ncsu.edu)

magnolia blossom