



*Lewisburg*  
*Shade Tree Commission*  
**PROCEDURES**

Please be advised that all permits will be held for review by the Shade Tree Commission at their regularly scheduled meeting held the second Thursday of each month at 7 PM in the Borough Council Chambers, 55 South Fifth Street.

In order to be considered, your application must be received by the Lewisburg Borough Secretary no later than the last working day of the preceding month.

Thank you for your cooperation.

**LEWISBURG SHADE TREE COMMISSION**

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**Tree Planting Guidelines  
from the  
Lewisburg Shade Tree Commission**

The intent of this commission is to continue the Long-standing tradition of planting and caring for the many valuable trees in Lewisburg. Trees bring many benefits to the Borough: beauty, fresh air, and wildlife habitat. The following are recommendations intended to help you make good tree planting and care decisions.

**Things to consider about your tree before planting:**

- **Height, when mature, in regard to:  
private and public walkways  
street traffic (cars and trucks)  
buildings, windows, gutters, and walls  
electrical or other wires and poles**
- **Planting area has room for:  
future root growth  
sufficient water  
sidewalks are in good shape, and**
- **Flowers (season, fragrance, debris)**
- **Roots not invasive (see do not plant list)**
- **Fruit (birds, debris, staining)**
- **Utilities location (above and below ground) (\*\*If you intend to dig with powered equipment, you must first contact PA One-Call (811) to ensure that underground utilities are not damaged!)**

When selecting a new tree, please try to buy the best tree you can afford. Good trees should have no splits or other bark damage on their trunks, should not have noticeable broken or loose dirt around their roots and should not look stressed or droopy. Good street trees should start off with a single straight trunk and a strong, vertical leader branch, and have high branches that are ideally 6 feet off the ground. They should have a fairly strong and thick trunk, ideally over 2 inches wide (caliper). Much tree damage occurs during the moving of the tree, so pad it with a thick blanket to protect the bark after you buy it and until it is planted.

If you would like assistance from this commission, including a visit to your tree planting site, please feel free to call the current Chair or the Borough Office. The Shade Tree Commission meets the second Thursday of each month in the Borough Council Chambers, 55 South Fifth Street. We thank you for your participation in this community enriching process.

NOTE: Specific ordinances that homeowners should be aware of include the allowed height of branches. On the sidewalk side, a tree cannot have branches that are below 8 feet high; on the street side, the branches cannot be lower than 15 feet. This allows people and vehicles safe passage. The Borough is required to keep these passages clear. As a result, the Borough has the legal right to trim branches to these specified heights without notice. If you prune the trees yourself, you will avoid this surprise. Visit the Borough of Lewisburg's website [.lewisburgborough.org](http://www.lewisburgborough.org) and enter the link titled "Borough Codes – Online" to read more specific information on the tree ordinances.

## **Shade Tree Commission's Recommended Street Trees\***

(S) Indicates that the tree should be planted in the spring, not in the fall.

### **Small Trees – Average mature height less than 30 feet:**

*Acer buergerianum* – Trident Maple

*Acer tataricum* – Tatarian Maple

*Amelanchier x grandiflora* – Serviceberry, 'Autumn Brilliance', 'Princess Diana',  
'Robin Hill Pink'

*Amelanchier laevis* – Allegheny Serviceberry

*Cercis canadensis* – Eastern Redbud

*Cornus kousa* (Treeform) – Kousa Dogwood (S)

*Cornus kousa x C. florida* 'Rutcan' - Constellation Dogwood (S)

*Crataegus crusgalli inermis* – Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn (S)

*Crataegus laevigata* – English Hawthorn 'Crimson Cloud' (S)

*Crataegus phaenopyrum* – Washington Hawthorn (S)

*Crataegus viridis* 'Winter King' Hawthorn

*Malus* 'Prariefire' – Crabapple

*Malus* 'Sugartyme' – Crabapple

*Prunus* 'Okame' (S)

*Prunus sargentii Columnaris* – Sargent's Cherry (S)

*Prunus serrulata Kwanzan* – Kwanzan Cherry (S)

*Prunus x yedoensis* – Yoshino Cherry (S)

*Syringia reticulata* 'Ivory Silk', 'Regent' 'Summer Snow' – Japanese Tree Lilac

### **Medium Trees – Average mature height of 35-50 ft.**

#### **May be planted under utility wires**

*Acer campestre* – Hedge Maple

*Aesculus x carnea* – 'Briotii' Ruby Red Horsechestnut

*Betula nigra* – 'Heritage' Heritage River Birch (S)

*Carpinus betulus* – European Hornbeam (S)

*Carpinus caroliniana* – American Hornbeam (S)

*Koelreuteria paniculata* Golden Raintree

*Ostrya virginiana* – American Hophornbeam

*Parrotia persica* 'Vanessa' – Persian Ironwood (avoid multi-stemmed varieties)

*Quercus acutissima* – Sawtooth Oak (S)

*Robinia pseudoacacia* – 'Purple Robe' Black Locust

*Sassafras albidum* – Sassafras

*Styphnolobium japonica* – Japanese Pagoda or Scholar Tree

### **Large Trees – Average mature height of 50 ft or more**

#### **Require larger planting site. Do not plant under utility wires.**

*Acer rubrum* – Red Maple (S)

*Acer saccharum* – Sugar Maple

*Acer x freemani* – 'Autumn Blaze', 'Celebration', 'Scarlet Sentinel'

*Celtis occidentalis* – 'Prairie Pride', Prairie pride Hackberry (S)

*Celtis laevigata* x o. – 'Magnifica', Magnifica Hackberry (S)

*Cercidiphyllum japonicum* – Katsura Tree

*Ginkgo biloba* – Maidenhair Tree

*Gleditsia triacanthos inermis* – ‘Imperial’, ‘Ruby Lace’, ‘Shademaster’ or  
 ‘Skyline’ – Thornless Honeylocust  
*Liquidambar styraciflua* – Sweetgum (S)  
*Liriodendron tulipifera* – Tuliptree (S)  
*Magnolia acuminata* – Cucumbertree  
*Nyssa sylvatica* – Black Tupelo (must prune low branches for sidewalk clearance)  
*Platanus x acerifolia* Bloodgood – Plane Tree  
*Quercus bicolor* – Swamp White Oak (S)  
*Quercus imbricaria* – Shingle Oak (S)  
*Quercus palustris* – Pin Oak (S)  
*Quercus rubra* – Red Oak (S)  
*Quercus shumardii* – Shumard Oak (S)  
*Tilia cordata* – Littleleaf Linden  
*Tilia tomentosa* – Silver Linden (S)  
*Ulmus americana* – ‘Liberty’, ‘Valley Forge’, American elm  
 (Varieties reported to have high resistance to Dutch elm disease)  
*Zelkova serrata* – Zelkova (S)

### **Do Not Plant List**

The following should be avoided as street trees due to their poor growth behavior, but may otherwise be appropriate in a field or park setting.

*Acer saccharinum* - Silver maple  
*Acer negundo* - Box elder or Ash-leaf maple  
*Platanus occidentalis* – Sycamore  
*Populus deltoides* – Cottonwood  
*Quercus alba* – White Oak

The following trees are invasive and have the potential to become problem weeds and should not be planted in any location within the borough.

*Acer platanoides* - Norway maple  
*Ailanthus altissima* - Tree of Heaven  
*Albizia julibrissin* – Mimosa  
*Pyrus calleryana* - Bradford or Callery Pear

The following tree is extremely prone to infestation and destruction by the Emerald Ash Borer and should not, under any circumstances, be planted in the Borough until official notice has been posted that the infestation has passed.

*Faxinus spp.* - Ash

*\*This is not meant to be an exhaustive list and there may be other appropriate street trees. If you wish to plant a tree that does not appear on the Recommended Planting or Do Not Plant lists, please contact the Shade Tree Commission.*