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RECOMMENDED TREES for Planting in Falls Church, VA

Canopy or Medium to Tall-growing Trees*

| | Common Name | Botanical Name | Moisture Needs | Exposure |
|-----|---------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| 1) | tupelo or black gum | <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> | moist to dry | part/ full |
| 2) | willow oak | <i>Quercus phellos</i> | moist to dry | part/ full |
| 3) | n. red oak | <i>Quercus rubra</i> | average to dry | part/ full |
| 4) | white oak | <i>Quercus alba</i> | average to dry | part/ full |
| 5) | pin oak | <i>Quercus palustris</i> | moist to average | shade/ part |
| 6) | chestnut oak | <i>Quercus prinus</i> | average to dry | shade/ part |
| 7) | black oak | <i>Quercus velutina</i> | dry | shade/ part |
| 8) | scarlet oak | <i>Quercus coccinea</i> | dry | part/ full |
| 9) | 'Princeton' elm | <i>Ulmus Americana</i> 'Princeton' | moist to dry | part/ full |
| 10) | red maple | <i>Acer rubrum</i> | moist only | full |
| 11) | river birch | <i>Betula nigra</i> | moist to average | full |
| 12) | sweet birch | <i>Betula lenta</i> | average | part/ full |
| 13) | tulip poplar | <i>Liriodendron tuipifera</i> | average | full |
| 14) | 'Redmond' linden | <i>Tilia americana</i> 'Redmond' | moist to dry | part |
| 15) | common hackberry | <i>Celtis occidentalis</i> | moist to average | shade/ part |
| 16) | American beech | <i>Fagus grandifolia</i> | average | shade/ full |
| 17) | persimmon | <i>Diospyros virginiana</i> | average dry | shade/ full |
| 18) | sassafrass | <i>Sassafrass albidum</i> | moist to average | part/ full |

* = Plant no closer than fifteen (15) feet from residence.

Smaller or Understory Trees

| Common Name | Botanical Name | Moisture Needs | Exposure |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| 1) American yellowwood | <i>Cladrastis kentukea</i> | moist to average | full |
| 2) eastern redbud | <i>Cercis canadensis</i> | average to dry | shade/ part |
| 3) American hornbeam | <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> | moist to average | shade/ part |
| 4) hophornbeam | <i>Ostrya virginiana</i> | moist to average | shade/ part |
| 5) American fringetree | <i>Chionanthus virginicus</i> | moist to average | part/ full |
| 6) sweetbay magnolia | <i>Magnolia virginiana</i> | moist to dry | shade/ part |
| 7) common silverbell | <i>Halesia tetraptera</i> | moist to average | part/ full |
| 8) paw paw | <i>Asimina triloba</i> | moist to average | shade/ part |
| 9) Alleghany serviceberry | <i>Amelanchier laevis</i> | average to dry | part to full |
| 10) Canada serviceberry | <i>Amelanchier canadensis</i> | moist to average | full |
| 11) downy serviceberry | <i>Amelanchier arborea</i> | average | part to full |
| 12) red buckeye | <i>Aesculus pavia</i> | moist to average | part to full |

Evergreen Trees

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| 1) American holly | <i>Ilex opaca</i> | moist to average | shade to full |
| 2) Virginia cedar | <i>Juniperus virginiana</i> | average to dry | full |
| 3) loblolly pine | <i>Pinus taeda</i> | moist to average | full |
| 4) Virginia pine | <i>Pinus virginiana</i> | dry | full |

TREES TO AVOID

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| 1) silver maple | <i>Acer saccharinum</i> |
| 2) Norway maple | <i>Acer platanoides</i> |
| 3) sawtooth oak | <i>Quercus acutissima</i> |
| 4) tree-of-heaven | <i>Ailanthus altissima</i> |
| 5) 'Bradford' or any ornamental pear | <i>Pyrus calleryana</i> 'Bradford' / ornamental pears |
| 6) Empress or princess tree | <i>Paulownia tomentosa</i> |
| 7) mimosa | <i>Albizia julibrissin</i> |
| 8) Siberian elm | <i>Ulmus pumila</i> |
| 9) Russian olive, autumn olive | <i>Eleagnus angustifolium</i> , <i>E. umbellata</i> |
| 10) cherry, edible and ornamental | <i>Prunus avium</i> , <i>P. cerasus</i> |
| 11) white mulberry | <i>Morus alba</i> |
| 12) white pine | <i>Pinus strobus</i> |
| 13) blue spruce | <i>Picea glauca</i> |
| 14) flowering dogwood | <i>Cornus florida</i> |
| 15) hybrid poplar | <i>Populus</i> (hybrid) |
| 16) Canadian hemlock | <i>Tsuga canadensis</i> |
| 17) Leyland cypress | <i>Cupressocyparis leylandii</i> |