

Grounds Committee Tree and Shrub Policy

Our current policy is that trees or shrubs included in the Midwest Invasive Species Information Network (MISIN) are not approved for planting in HLCA.

This proposed revision to that policy adds a few species that are considered nuisance or unsafe trees or are highly susceptible to disease. These additions are based on the Northville Township list and the DNR “Recommended Trees for Community Planting” list (<https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/managing-resources/forestry/urban/recommended-trees>); “select Explore”.

UNAPPROVED TREES (partial list of common trees; no trees or shrubs listed in MISIN are approved)

Common Name	Botanical Name	Reason for Discouragement/ Prohibition
Tree of Heaven	<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	Highly invasive species.
Amur Maple	<i>Acer ginnala</i>	Invasive species.
Callery Pear (Any ornamental pear)	<i>Pyrus species</i> (e.g., 'Bradford' Pear)	Weak wood, prone to breaking, invasive.
Black Locust	<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	Invasive, aggressive rooting.
Boxelder	<i>Acer negundo</i>	Weak wood, unsuited for urban areas.
Ash	<i>Fraxinus species</i>	Highly susceptible to Emerald Ash Borer.
Austrian Pine	<i>Pinus nigra</i>	Invasive, disease issues.
Buckthorn, glossy and common	<i>Rhamnus species</i>	Highly invasive shrub/small tree.
Catalpa	<i>Catalpa speciosa/Catalpa bignonioides</i>	Messy nature, weak wood, and potential for full defoliation.
Cottonwood	<i>Populus deltoides</i>	Mess/litter, weak wood/safety hazard, invasive roots, susceptible to numerous pests and diseases.
Elm	<i>Ulmus</i>	Dutch Elm Disease.
Ginkgo (female variety)	<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>	Foul odor/mess & hazard.
Golden rain tree	<i>Koelreuteria paniculata</i>	Invasive
Honey locust (with thorns)	<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>	Safety hazard - thorns, maintenance nuisance, invasive.

Horse chestnut (nut-bearing)	<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	Toxic, mess/litter.
Mulberry	<i>Morus</i>	Invasive, mess/litter.
Poplar	<i>Populus</i>	Mess/litter, weak wood/safety hazard, invasive roots, susceptible to numerous pests and diseases, invasive.
Silver maple	<i>Acer saccharinum</i>	Mess/litter, weak wood/safety hazard, invasive roots.
Spruce, Blue	<i>Picea pungens</i>	Disease issues.
Willow	<i>Willow</i>	Mess/litter, weak wood/safety hazard, invasive roots.
UNAPPROVED SHRUBS		
Amur Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera macaki</i>	Invasive
Autumn Olive	<i>Elaeagnus umbellale</i>	Invasive
Boxwood		Disease issues
Common Privet	<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>	Invasive
Japanese Barberry	<i>Berberis thunbergi</i>	Invasive
Japanese Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera japonica</i>	Invasive
Multiflora Rose	<i>Rosa multiflora</i>	Invasive
Rugosa Rose	<i>Rosa rugosa</i>	Invasive, aggressive spreading
Tartarian Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera tatarica</i>	Invasive