

Benefits of planting a tree

Trees and plants are essential to life on Earth

Trees make you feel good and attract wildlife and birds to your garden

One mature tree produces enough oxygen for 40 people

Trees sponge up carbon dioxide and air pollutants

Twenty trees offset the pollution of one car driven sixty miles

Trees provide privacy and reduce noise

A well chosen and positioned tree can increase the value of your property

How to plant a tree

1. Soak the tree in it's pot in a tub of water for 20mins, then allow to drain.
2. Dig a hole twice the width of the pot and 10 cm deeper. Ensure the area is weed free
3. Mix multi purpose compost and well rotted manure with the lifted soil, and refill the bottom 7cm of the hole with this mixture
4. Remove the pot and place the tree in the centre of the hole
5. Knock in a tree stake next to the tree, on the windward side, and secure to the trunk with a tree tie
6. Refill the hole with the soil mixture and heel in well to keep the root ball secure
7. Water well and regularly, until the tree is established

Tree Selection

The tree you choose is very much a personal thing to you!

Your main consideration will be the size that the tree will grow to, compared to the size of your garden. You do not want your new tree to dwarf the rest of your garden, or cut out all the sunlight in 10 years time. Chose a suitably sized tree that offers a long period of interest. Remember that a tree planted on a boundary will encroach on your garden and your neighbours. Position your tree with this in mind.

You probably know what attributes you want your tree to have, but which tree will fulfil your tick list! Do you want Spring blossom? Autumn Colour? Both? Do you want to attract birds? How big is your garden? Use these leaflets and look for the Breathe with Ease logo in the garden centre for all the information you need to chose your ideal tree.

Pruning and Aftercare

Try to plant your tree as soon as possible following purchase. It will be far happier in the ground than in a pot for too long.

Ensure your tree is regularly watered for at least the first year following planting, or until it is established.

Ensure the tie attaching the tree to the stake does not become too tight, and alter it if necessary.

Prune your tree if you wish to restrict its growth or remove any unwanted or diseased branches. Light pruning can be done at any time of year, anything heavier that would require a saw should be done in late Autumn. Always cut to a leaf bud or branch joint.

Your Ornamental Tree Guide

Trees for Small Gardens



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A selection of trees which are suitable for planting in a small garden

<p>Betula 'Youngii': Weeping branches. Golden yellow foliage in autumn. Rough white bark.</p>	<p>Acer 'Brilliantissimum': Young foliage salmon pink, turning green</p> <p>Acer 'Flamingo': White variegated foliage with pink edges.</p>
<p>Amelanchier 'Ballerina': Young bronze foliage, turns green. White flowers in Spring.</p>	<p>Acer 'Kelly's Gold': Golden foliage, becomes stronger as it matures.</p> <p>Acer 'Simon Louis Freres': Cream, pink and purple variegated foliage</p>
<p>Crataegus 'Crimson Cloud': Crimson red flowers with white centres in Spring. Small bright red berries.</p> <p>Crataegus orientalis: Grey foliage, with creamy white Spring flowers and red/yellow haws.</p> <p>Crataegus 'Paul's Scarlet': Dark green foliage, double pinky red Spring blossom. Red berries.</p> <p>Crataegus 'Rosea Flore Pleno': Double pink flowers in Spring, and red haws.</p>	<p>Cotoneaster 'Afterglow': Weeping. White flowers late Spring and red berries.</p> <p>Cotoneaster franchetii: White flowers in late Spring, red berries & foliage.</p> <p>Cotoneaster 'Hybridus Pendulus': Arching branches, pink bud/flower late Spring, red berries.</p>
<p>Laburnum 'Vossii': Long yellow flowers, NB poisonous</p>	<p>Cytisus battandieri: Silvery foliage and pendulous yellow flowers in Summer.</p>
<p>Gleditsia 'Ruby Lace': Ruby red foliage, turns bronze with age.</p> <p>Gleditsia 'Sunburst': Striking yellow foliage</p>	<p>Sorbus 'Chinese Lace': Red/ purple foliage & dark red fruits in Autumn.</p> <p>Sorbus 'Joseph Rock': White Spring blossom. Orange, red and purple foliage & creamy yellow berries in Autumn.</p> <p>Sorbus 'Pink Pagoda': Green/ blue leaves turn excellent Autumn colours. Clusters pink berries in Winter.</p> <p>Sorbus vilmorinii: White flowers in Spring, Red/ purple foliage & rose berries turning white in Autumn</p>
<p>Pyrus 'Pendula': Creamy white flowers in May. Silvery foliage.</p>	

<p>Malus floribunda: Crimson buds open white in Spring, small red/yellow fruit.</p> <p>Malus 'Golden Gem': White blossom, and small yellow berries</p> <p>Malus 'Gorgeous': Pure white Spring blossom, glossy red fruit.</p> <p>Malus 'Pink Cloud': Single white Spring blossom, bright pink fruit.</p> <p>Malus 'Red Sentinel': White blossom in Spring, and large clusters of deep red fruit.</p> <p>Malus 'Royal Beauty': Weeping. Copper red young foliage, turns dark green. Deep pink blossom in Spring & dark red fruit.</p> <p>Malus 'Royalty': Dark purple leaves all year complimented by deep purple blossom in Spring.</p> <p>Malus 'Rudolph': Large single pink Spring blossom & fresh purple/green foliage.</p> <p>Malus 'Sun Rival': Semi weeping. Spring blossom pink turning white. Bright red</p>
<p>Prunus 'Amanagowa': Green bronze young foliage, red-gold in Autumn. Semi double pink Spring blossom.</p> <p>Prunus 'Autumnalis Rosea': Semi double pale pink blossom. Good Autumn colour.</p> <p>Prunus x blireana: Copper purple foliage, large double rose pink Spring blossom</p> <p>Prunus 'Kiku-shidare-zakura': Cheals Weeping. Double rose pink Spring blossom.</p> <p>Prunus 'Okame': Masses of pink Spring blossom, good Autumn colour.</p> <p>Prunus 'Pandora': Bronze-red foliage in Spring, turns green, good Autumn colour. Mass of pale pink blossom in Spring.</p> <p>Prunus 'Pendula Rubra': Weeping. Bright pink blossom in Spring.</p> <p>Prunus 'Princess': Masses of white blossom turns pink in Spring.</p> <p>Prunus 'Royal Burgundy': Red foliage and contrasting rose pink double Spring blossom.</p> <p>Prunus 'Shirotae': Horizontal branches, fragrant white blossom in Spring.</p> <p>Prunus 'Spire': Bronze foliage, turning orange-red in Autumn. Almond pink Blossom in Spring.</p>
<p>Salix 'Hakuro nishiki': Young stems are orangey pink, unusual growth habit.</p> <p>Salix caprea 'Pendula': (Kilmarnock Willow) Weeping. Silky buds in spring.</p>