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RECOMMENDED BOULEVARD TREES CITY OF ONALASKA

1. ***Hackberry*** – is an excellent street tree with a vase shape. It is very tough and urban tolerant, but may not thrive in areas where roadway salt is heavily applied. It has interesting pebbly, light gray bark for winter interest. Nipple gall is common and disfigures leaves, but does not harm the tree. Berry litter can be an issue with mature trees.
2. ***Ginkgo*** – is one of the oldest species of trees on earth and is quite slow growing. Cost and availability may be prohibitive. Note: only purchase male trees.
3. ***Various Thornless Honeylocust Varieties*** – causes limited litter with the stalks of the compound leaves, and seed pods from the female of this genus. This tree provides filtered shade, so it is good for maintaining the lawn beneath the canopy. Most trees sold today are “podless”.
4. ***Oak*** – Pin Oak and Swamp White Oak – are most tolerant of transplanting. They are not tolerant of alkaline soils; however they do tolerate wet soils. Nice uniform branching and fairly fast growers.
5. ***Linden*** – A great street tree with a dense teardrop shape. Large foliage can create some litter problems; although minimal (there are Little Leaf varieties available). Japanese beetles can cause damage so look for varieties that are resistant (American Sentry and Sterling).
6. ***Various Elm Cultivars*** – Look for new cultivars and hybrids of elm that are highly resistant to Dutch Elm Disease (Princeton, Patriot, etc.) Many cultivars are American Elm crosses and have graceful vase-like shapes that are moderately fast growing. Susceptible to fungal canker, leaf spot, and some insect problems. Many elm hybrids can mature around 60-70’ tall so allow enough space for growth.
7. ***Kentucky Coffee Tree*** – Can be an ugly duckling when small, but develops into a graceful swan. A seedless variety (Espresso) is available. A Wisconsin native that matures around 50’ in height with a 35’ spread.

TREES TO AVOID

- Ash
- Maples
- Black Locust
- Box Elder
- Catalpa
- Poplar
- Willows
- Nut Bearing Trees (Black Walnut, Hickory)