Residential Architectural Review Committee
Recommended Plant List

Plant Materials
The following plant materials are intended to guide tree and shrub ADDITIONS to residential landscapes at Issaquah Highlands. Lot sizes, shade, wind and other factors place size and growth constraints on plants, especially trees, which are suitable for addition to existing landscapes. Other plant materials may be considered that have these characteristics and similar maintenance requirements. Additional species and varieties may be selected if authorized by the Issaquah Highlands Architectural Review Committee.

This list is not exhaustive but does cover most of the "good doers" for Issaquah Highlands. Our microclimate is colder and harsher than those closer to Puget Sound. Plants not listed should be used with caution if their performance has not been observed at Issaquah Highlands.

* Drought-tolerant plant
** Requires well-drained soil

DECIDUOUS TREES:

Small

- Acer circinatum – Vine Maple
- *Acer ginnala – Amur Maple
- Acer palmation – Japanese Maple
- Amelanchier var. – Serviceberry varieties
- Cornus species, esp. kousa
- Acer griseum – Paperbark Maple
- Oxydendrum arboreum – Sourwood
- *Prunus cerasifera var. – Purple Leaf Plum varieties
- Styrax japonicus – Japanese Snowbell

Medium

- Acer rufinerve – Redvein Maple
- *Acer pseudoplatanus – Sycamore Maple
- *Carpinus betulus – European Hornbeam
- *Parrotia persica – Persian Parrotia
- Cornus florida (flowering dogwood)
- Acer palmatum (Japanese maple, many)
- Stewartia species (several)

Columnar Narrow

- *Carpinus betulus - European Hornbeam
- *Fagus sylvatica 'Dawyck' – Pyramidal Beech
- *Prunus sargenti columnaris – Columnar Sargent Cherry
- *Quercus robur fastigiata – Upright English Oak
- *Tilia cordata (corzan) – Corinthian Linden

CONIFERS:

- **Abies- Concolor - Concolor Fir
- **Abies Nordmanniana – Nordmann Fir
- Calocedrus decurrens – Incense Cedar
- * Chamaecyparis obtusa - Hinoki Cypress
- Taxus baccata – Irish yew
- *Thuja plicata excelsa – Excelsa Cedar
- Tsuga mertensiana – Mountain Hemlock

Shrubs:

Small

- *Berberis (var.) – Dwarf Barberry varieties
- *Gaultheria shallon – Salal
- Ilex crenata – many, Chinese Holly
- Nandina (dwarf varieties)
- Osmanthus, several
- *Pinus mugo mugo – Dwarf Mugo Pine
- *Potentilla (var.) – Potentilla varieties
- Vaccinium – blueberry, huckleberry

- Leucothoe, several varieties
- *Mahonia aquifolium, M. repens, M. nervosa
- Compact Oregon grape
- Spirea (var.) – Spirea varieties
- Rhododendrons, Azaleas
- Viburnum davidi – David Viburnum

Medium/Large

- *Arbutus unedo (compacta) – Strawberry Tree
- *Berberis (var.) – Barberry varieties
- *Euonymus alati – Winged Euonymus
- Ilex crenata "Convexa" – Convexleaf Holly
- *Mahonia aquifolium – Oregon grape
- *Osmanthus heterophyllus – Holly Leaf Osmanthus
- *Osmarea burkwoodi – Burkwood Osmarea
- Prunus lusitanica – Portugese Laurel
- Rhododendron (var.) - Rhododendron
- Viburnum species – Viburnum varieties (numerous)

Hedges:

- Ilex crenata – Chinese Holly (several)
- * Mahonia aquifolium – Oregon grape
- *Osmanthus heterophyllus – Hollyleaf Osmanthus
- Prunus laurocerasus 'Otto Luyken' Otto Luyken
- *Prunus lusitanica – Portugese Laurel
- Thuja occidentalis– Arborvitae
- Viburnum species – Viburnum varieties (numerous)

Groundcover:

- *Arctostaphylos uva-ursi – Kinnikinnick varieties
- Cotoneaster vars. – Cotoneaster varieties
- *Vinca minor – Periwinkle
- *Fragaria vars. – Strawberry varieties
- *Hypericum calycinum – St. Johnswort
- Turf
- Ceanothus glor. 'Pt. Reyes'
- (Puget Sound Turf Grass varieties – sod or seed)
- *Mahonia nervosa – Longleaf Mahonia
- Ornamental grasses

Accent Plantings:

- Annuals
- Bulbs
- Ornamental grasses
- Perennials

Recommended Plants for Alleys:

- Alleys are good places for old-fashioned flowering shrubs and small trees. Plantings do not need to be formal with a repetitive theme, except in the Traditional Townscape neighborhood. An informal, more organic layout is encouraged. Light and sun are encouraged in these spaces adjacent to backyards, where people may have vegetable gardens and play spaces.

Suitable plant species:

- Acer circinatum – Vine Maple
- Acer ginnala var. – Amur MapleAcer griseum
- – Paperbark Maple
- Arborvitae
- Mahonia aquifolium – Oregon grape
- Forsythia sp.
- Cornus kousa, C. florida (smaller varieties)
- Kerria japonica – Kerria
- Cupressus – Italian cypress
- Osmanthus sp. – Osmanthus
- Philadelphus sp. – Mock orange
- Ribes sanguineum – Red Flowering Currant
- Styrax japonicus – Japanese Snowbell
- Syringa vulgaris v. – Lilac
- Viburnum species – Viburnum varieties (numerous)
- Weigela

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Discouraged or Prohibited Plant List (includes plants which are not sufficiently cold hardy)

- Buddleia – Butterfly Bush – Invasive Species
- Ilex aquifolium v. – English Holly – Invasive
- Carex species
- Cistus – Rockrose
- Phormium - New Zealand Flax
- Hedera helix – English Ivy – BANNED in IHCA Development Agreement
- Escallonia
- Buxus – Boxwood, all
- Hebe
- Taxus (deer damage)

Unsuitable tree species for private yards (due to rapid, weak growth and/or extreme ultimate height):

- Acer rubrum – Red Maple
- Acer saccharum – Sugar Maple
- Metasequoia - Sequoia
- Pseudotsuga menziesii – Douglas fir
- Prunus virginiana, others
- Tsuga – Hemlock
- Populus spp– Poplar varieties
- Alnus rubra – Red alder
- Cupressus leylandi - Leyland Cypress
- Zelkova (too broad)