

Gardening Information: Trees and Shrubs Near Power Lines

Small tree and shrub selections (under 25 feet) for the Wasatch Front.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Height x Width	Bloom Time and Color	Fall Color	Other
Crabapple	<i>Malus x</i>	12-15' H x W	Spring, White to pink	Varies	Many great options available- be sure to check mature height.
Red Buckeye	<i>Aesculus pavia</i>	15'-20' H x W	Late Spring, Pink	Not significant	Leaves can scorch in late summer heat. Should not be planted in areas with reflected heat.
Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier x grandiflora</i> 'Autumn Brilliance'	15-25' H x 10-18 W	Late Spring, White	Brilliant shades of orange	Usually grafted. Prune off suckers from the base.
Golden Chain Tree	<i>Laburnum anagyroides</i>	15-25' H x W	Late Spring, Yellow "chains" of blooms	Not significant	Seeds and foliage are toxic to animals and people if ingested.
Curl-leaf Mountain Mahogany	<i>Cercocarpus ledifolius</i>	15-20' H x 8-10' W	Spring, Insignificant	Evergreen	Utah Native. Interesting seed tails.
Mountain Mahogany	<i>Cercocarpus montanus</i>	8-12' H x 4-8' W	Spring, Insignificant	Russet	Utah Native. Interesting seed tails.
Japanese Maple	<i>Acer palmatum</i>	Varies	Insignificant	Varies, Showy	Many good small varieties available. Be sure to check mature height.
Common Smoketree	<i>Cotinus coggyria</i>	15' H x 8' W	Early Summer, "Smoky" pink plumes	Purplish, Ruddy	Adaptable to a variety of soils.
American Smoketree	<i>Cotinus obovatus</i>	25' H x 10-18' W	Early Summer, "Smoky" pink plumes	Orange, red and purple, Showy	Adaptable to a variety of soils.
Glossy Buckthorn	<i>Rhamnus frangula</i> 'Asplenifolia'	12' H x 8-10' W	Insignificant	Yellow	Does not tolerate compacted soils.
Smooth Sumac	<i>Rhus glabra</i>	9-15' H, spreads	Insignificant	Scarlet, Showy	Showy, fuzzy red fruits.

Staghorn Sumac	<i>Rhus typhina</i>	15-25', spreads	Insignificant	Scarlet, Showy	Showy, fuzzy red fruits.
Lilac	<i>Syringa vulgaris</i>	8-15' H x W	Spring, Color varies, showy and fragrant		Prefers neutral pH soils. Avoid high nitrogen fertilizers.
Wavyleaved Oak	<i>Quercus undulata</i>	10' H			Large shrub or small tree. Drought tolerant.
Weeping Siberian Pea Shrub	<i>Caragana arborescens</i> 'Pendula'	10-15' H x 8-12' W	Spring, Yellow		Adaptable to a variety of soils. Drought tolerant.
Compact Oriental Spruce	<i>Picea orientalis</i> 'Nigra Compacta'	6-8' H x 4-5' W			Showy, large female cones are purple maturing to brown
Burkwood Viburnum	<i>Viburnum x burkwoodii</i>	8-10' H x W	Spring, Light pink, Fragrant	Reddish, often sporadic	Prefers average to moist, well drained soils
Koreanspice Viburnum	<i>Viburnum carlesii</i>	5-7' H x W	Spring, Pink buds open to white highly fragrant flowers.	Reddish, often sporadic	Prefers average to moist, well drained soils