

## Kershaw County Planning and Zoning Department

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### RECOMMENDED TREE SPECIES - SUITABILITY FOR PARKING LOT LANDSCAPING

Species Common Name	Suitability	Remarks
<b>LARGE TREES &gt;45'</b>		
Bald Cypress	Yes...	...as perimeter landscaping. Knees destructive of paving/hardscaping.
Green Ash	Yes	Requires extensive pruning.
Japanese Zelkovia	No	Myrimar variety may work, but not proven.
Laurel Oak	Yes	Requires pruning. Short lifespan (40 – 60 years). Acorn hazard.
Live Oak	Yes	Tough and tolerant and does well in parking lot environment.
Red Maple	No	Florida Flame and Summer Red better, but still not good choice.
Scarlet Oak	Yes	Nice fall color.
Shumard Oak	Yes	Does well in parking lot environment – nice fall colors.
Southern Magnolia	Yes	Does well in parking lot environments, but leaf and fruit litter can be a problem.
Southern Red Oak	Yes	Does well in an urban environment – Cherrybark variety recommended.
Sweet Gum	No	Gum balls are a hazard and fruitless varieties do not work well.
Sycamore	Yes...	...as perimeter landscaping. Not suitable for islands or near other hardscaped (paved) areas. Requires shade.
Tulip Poplar	Yes	Requires lots of space – islands will need to be larger than standard.
Willow Oak	Yes	Hightower and Shiraz varieties - Acorns can be a problem
<b>MEDIUM TREES 25'– 45'</b>		
Cabbage Palm (Sabal Palmetto)	Yes	Grows well in tight spaces.
Crape Myrtle	Yes	Can grow quite tall.
River Birch	No	Dura Heat variety may work if kept away from pavement - messy tree with constantly dropping limbs.
Trident Maple	Yes	Requires pruning – Streetwise and Aeryn varieties recommended.