APPROVED PLANTS

PLANT HARDINESS ZONES

The USDA (U.S. Department of Agriculture) lists the Longford Crossing area as zone 6b. These zones are used as guides as to what plants will thrive in both the coolest weather and the warmest in each zone. The 6b zone is one where temperatures can reach negative 5 to zero degrees Fahrenheit. Note: Our area is quite close to zone 7a (warmer) where low minimum temperatures are zero to 5 degrees and would be similarly 5 degrees higher in hot weather.

Common names followed by formal names are listed.

TREES

Arborvitae, Emerald Green – Thuja occidentalis. Can grow 15 feet high and 3-4 feet wide.

Cherry, Japanese Flowering – Prunus serrulata. Can grow to 25 feet high.

Cherry, Kanzan – Prunus serrulata. Great blossoms. May only live 15-25 years. Has little or no fruit.

Cherry laurel – Prunus laurocerasus. Can get somewhat big.

Crabapple – Malus. Many varieties.

Crape Myrtle – Lagerstroemia. Beautiful flower but select variety that will survive in cold zone.

Dogwood – Cornus. Many varieties. Thrives best in an under canopy (larger trees).

Dogwood, Kousa – Cornus kousa. 15 to 25 feet high and 25 feet wide. A strong dogwood.

Fig tree – Ficus. Many varieties.

Juniper, Blue – right variety will stay narrow and get 8 feet tall.

Magnolia – magnolia. Many varieties. Select the size with care.

Maple, Japanese – Acer palmatum. Can grow to 25 feet high with a 20 foot spread. Very red in the fall.

Redbud, Eastern – Cercis canadensis. Native. 15-20 feet tall and likes space.

Spruce, Dwarf Alberta – Picea glauca var. albertiana. Very conical and height varies from 6 to 15 feet.

SHRUBS

Azalea – many varieties. Succeeds better in shadier spots.

Boxwood, columnar or upright – Buxus sempervirens. Evergreen. Grows to 12 feet tall.

Boxwood, medium size– Buxus sempervirens. Evergreen. Grows to 5 feet high.

Euonymus – euonymus. Grows from 3 to 20 feet high and 15 feet wide.

Holly, Blue Maid – Ilex x mserveae. Evergreen. Grows to 8 to 10 feet tall. Hardy.

Holly, China Girl – Ilex x meserveae. Evergreen. Grows to 8 to 10 feet tall.

Holly, Japanese – Ilex crenata. Evergreen. Grows to 6 feet tall and wide.

Hydrangea – hydrangea. Large flowers. Can grow to 4 feet high and wide.

Japanese Andromeda – Pieris. Can grow to 8 feet high depending on the variety.

Pine, Mugo – Pinus mugo. Several varieties from ground cover to 5 feet. Easy to grow.

Rhododendron, P.J.M. – Rhododendron x PJM. Grows to 3 to 5 feet high and wider.

Roses, Shrub – Rosa. Many varieties. Requires some regular attention.

Sage, Russian – Perovskia atriplicifolia. 3 to 5 feet tall. May have trouble with hot and humid weather.

Saint Johns Wort – Hypericum. Many varieties. Considered an invasive outside of the garden.

Spirea, Japanese – Spiraea japonica. Typically grows 4 to 6 feet tall with a spread of 5 to 7 feet.

Viburnum – Viburnum. Several varieties. Best as a background plant.

Viburnum, American Cranberrybush – Viburnum opulus. Durable and easy to grow.

Viburnum, Leatherleaf – Viburnum rhytidophyllum. Distinctive leaves. Grows to 15 feet high and wide.

Viburnum, Prague – Viburnum x pragense. A good hedge type.

Weigela – Weigela. Several varieties. Best as a background plant.

Yew – taxus. Evergreen. Several varieties. American yew is a native. Can be toxic to animals.

GROUND COVER

Juniper, dwarf – Juniperus procumbens. Ground cover. Evergreen.

Lilyturf – Liriope. Easily grown.

**Plants/trees in our community that are not recommended.**

Atlantic cedar – too big

Birch trees – the smaller ones only live 10 to 15 years.

Bradford Pear tree – it is not as strong as other trees. Too brittle.

Camellia

Cinquefoil potentilla

Cleveland Select Pear tree – it gets too tall.

Columnea – too delicate

Mock orange – easily can get too wide.

Ornamental grasses – aggressive seed spreaders that will invade lawn grass.

Thunder Cloud Plum tree – only lives 10-15 years.

White pines – too tall and branches die off near the ground.

Yucca – are a desert plant.