

Hillsborough County Approved Street Trees

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<https://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/en/businesses/permits-and-records/natural-resources/approved-street-trees>LEGEND: **F** - Flowering; **E** - Evergreen; **D** - Deciduous sheds leaves annually; **N** - Native**RIGHT ARROW → FOR NEXT PAGE - Twin Creeks Approved Trees**

Common Name	Scientific Name	Characteristics
Crape Myrtle	(<i>Lagerstroemia indica</i>) Single Trunk, Standard	F, D
Cypress, Bald	(<i>Taxodium distichum</i>)	N,D
Cypress, Pond	(<i>Taxodium ascendens</i>)	N,D
Elm, Winged	(<i>Ulmus alata</i>)	N, D
Holly, American	(<i>Ilex opaca</i>)	N, F, E
Holly, Dahoon	(<i>Ilex cassine</i>)	N, F, E
Holly, Topal (East Palatka, Eagleston)	(<i>Ilex x attenuata</i>) Including cultivars: 'Eagleston', 'East Palatka'	N, F, E
Holly, Yaupon	(<i>Ilex vomitoria</i>)	N, F, E
Japanese Blueberry	(<i>Elaeocarpus decipiens</i>)	E
Magnolia, Southern	(<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>) Includes cultivars such as: 'Blanchard', 'Bracken Brown Beauty', 'Miss Chloe'	N, F, E
Magnolia, Southern	(<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i> 'Little Gem')	N, F, E
Maple, Florida	(<i>Acer floridanum</i>)	N, D, X
Maple, Red	(<i>Acer rubrum</i>)	N, F, D, X
Oak, Laurel	(<i>Quercus laurifolia</i>)	N, D, C
Oak, Live	(<i>Quercus virginiana</i>) Includes cultivars such as: 'Highrise', 'Cathedral', 'Millenium'	N, E, C
Oak, Shumard	(<i>Quercus shumardii</i>)	N, D, C
Palms, Date (Medjool, Canary Island Date)	Phoenix spp. (excluded Roebellini) 1 tree = 1 tree	E
Palm, Foxtail	(<i>Wodyetia bifurcata</i>)	E, P
Palm, Mule	(<i>Butiagrus naborlandii</i>) 1 tree = 1 tree	E,
Palm, Ribbon	(<i>Livistona decipiens</i>)	P
Palm, Sabal	(<i>Sabal palmetto</i>)	N, E, P
Palm, Washington	(<i>Washingtonia robusta</i>)	E, P
Podocarpus	(<i>Podocarpus macrophyllus</i>)	E

COMMUNITY DECLARATION
FOR
TWIN CREEKS

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11.2 Landscape Maintenance Standards. The following maintenance standards (the "**Landscape Maintenance Standards**") apply to landscaping within all Lots:

11.2.1 Trees. Trees are to be pruned as needed and maintained in a safe and appropriate manner, with the canopy no lower than eight feet (8') from the ground.

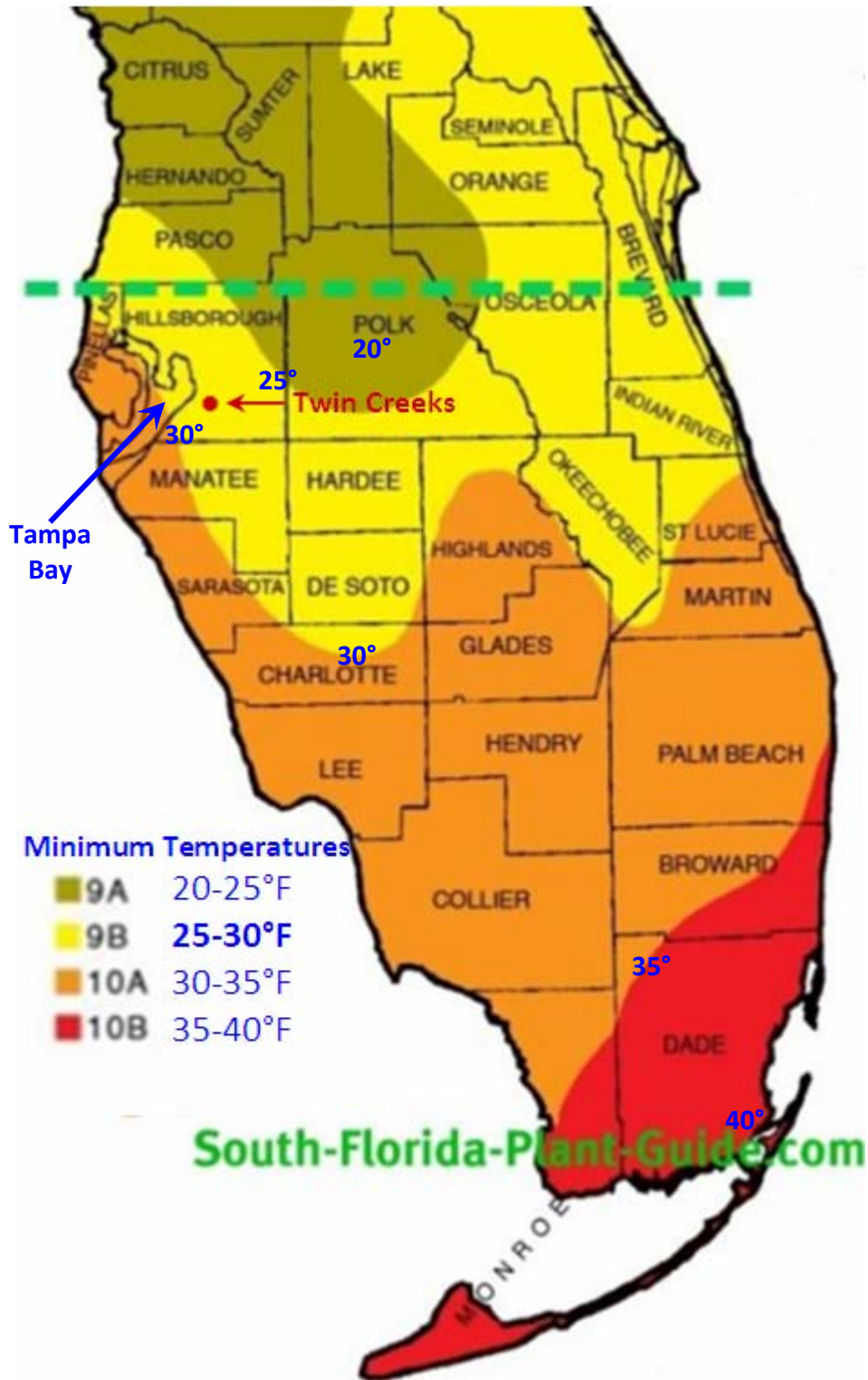
As a tree matures & grows to over 16' the branches need to be trimmed at least 8' up from the ground, so there are no overhanging branches that a tall person walking on the sidewalk would have to duck under. Since **Oak Trees** branches grow up, sideways & DOWN, their branches will in time need to be trimmed 10+' up from the ground & maintained every year, i.e. trimming off all the DOWN-growing branches. On the **road side** branches will in time need to be trimmed 20+' up from the ground to create free passage for garbage, delivery & moving trucks. **THE LONG TERM GOAL is to avoid this 'nightmare' for moving trucks...**



Twin Creeks Tree Identification & Maintenance - 10 types of approved trees
CHOOSE SHRUBS AND TREES THAT WILL SURVIVE OUR WINTERS

Twin Creeks minimum temperature should be $\pm 28^{\circ}\text{F}$

Twin Creeks, Riverview, FL 33578
(by red dot) is in temperature zone 9B



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1a. Sycamore Tree - grows 60' tall with spreading roots & 10,000's of large leaves to rake-up in Winter



Branches grow up.

Trimming small branches early-on is much less costly than trimming large branches later-on; plus it saves in 10,000's of leaves to rake-up & bag in Winter.

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1b. Sycamore Tree - grows 60' tall with spreading roots & 10,000's of large leaves to rake-up in Winter

Sycamore tree that has reached mid-maturity



Twin Creeks Tree Identification & Maintenance - 10 types of approved trees
2a. Sweet Bay Magnolia - most manageable tree - less branches & smaller leaves



Branches grow sideways & up.

Twin Creeks Tree Identification & Maintenance - 10 types of approved trees
2b. Sweet Bay Magnolia - most manageable tree - less branches & smaller leaves

SweetBay Magnolia that has reached mid-maturity



3a. New Horizon Elm Tree - thick with 100's of branches & smaller leaves - most challenging tree to trim



Branches grow up.

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3b. New Horizon Elm Tree - thick with 100's of branches & smaller leaves - most challenging tree to trim

New Horizon Elm Tree
that has reached
mid-maturity



4a. Red Maple Tree - grows 40-60' tall - 10,000's of medium leaves turn red in the Fall keeping you busy raking



Branches grow up.

4b. Red Maple Tree - grows 40-60' tall - 10,000's of medium leaves turn red in the Fall keeping you busy raking

Red Maple Tree that
has reached
maturity



5a. Oak Tree - large messy tree with destructive roots



Branches grow up, sideways & DOWN.

The rule of thumb with an Oak tree is to trim every branch (big & small) growing sideways or down & only keep the branches growing up - it looks good & will keep the tree from being over-crowded.

5b. Oak Tree - large messy tree with destructive roots



1. This well trimmed Oak tree will save a ton of future Winter raking of leaves & 1,000's of acorns killing your lawn and being crushed by car wheels creating stains & mess in the road & on the sidewalk. It may look small now, but in time it will grow into a substantial tree - ***see next few pages...***

2. The **HOA requires** tree branches to be trimmed 8+' off the ground (after the tree has reached 16+') – take advantage of that, while the branches are still small & easy to cut.

3. These branches have been **correctly trimmed**, right up to the trunk (you do not want to leave a short stub - that will cause several new shoots to start growing).

4. The GOAL is to always keep the bottom-half of the tree trimmed to just the bare trunk and only allow branches & leaves to grow on the top-half of the tree – this allows plenty of sunlight on the grass to keep it lush & healthy **vs** smothered, ugly, dead grass.

Trimmed trees & lush lawn **adds value** to the future sale price of your home.

5c. Oak Tree - large messy tree with destructive roots



This is the **future goal** of a well trimmed Oak tree - the lawn is healthy (getting plenty of sunlight). The tree is not hiding the house - perfect for your realtor to take a great picture when you're ready to sell - great curb appeal - maximizing the future sale price of your home.

5d. Oak Tree - large messy tree with destructive roots



These oak trees have not been trimmed high enough like in the *previous picture*.

Driving down the road gives the negative impression of a closed-in narrow road hiding the homes.

Moving trucks have a big problem maneuvering in a road like this - overhanging branches will also scrap & damage the truck.

5e. Oak Tree - large messy tree with destructive roots



Four trees between 2 houses in such a small space is way too much - each neighbor should have removed one of their big trees and planted something smaller.

A stitch in time saves nine.

5f. Oak Tree - large messy tree with destructive roots



The 4 trees from the *previous page* have smothered the grass from sunlight, causing sparse, ugly & sandy lawn.

5g. Oak Tree - large messy tree with destructive roots



Here is the evidence of the damage that **Oak tree roots** do to the sidewalk by lifting the slabs - it looks ugly. People can trip on raised sidewalk slabs, with the possibility of a lawsuit.

Report raised slabs to the County to come-out & sand them down with their machine (at their expense) - neighbors should plan to do this in-block.

5h. Oak Tree - large messy tree with destructive roots



Mess & stain caused by crushed Oak tree acorns.

5i. Oak Tree - large messy tree with destructive roots



Car tires grind the Oak tree acorns into this red staining powdery mess.

6. Dahoon Holly - grows 30' tall - tree on the left hand side of the Twin Creeks pool entrance



Branches grow up, sideways & DOWN.

The rule of thumb with a Dahoon Holly tree is to trim every branch (big & small) growing sideways or down & only keep the branches growing up - it looks good & will keep the tree from being over-crowded.

7. Queen Palm - grows to 50' in 20 years - messy fruit when mature



Each home is supposed to have 3 trees - 2 Queen palms count for 1 of the 3 trees.

The **builders** should not have planted these so close to the house.

Branches in the wind brushing grains off your **shingles** will shorten the life of your roof.

Foxtail Palms are a neater option to Queen Palms - *see next page...*

8. Foxtail Palm - a bushier fuller palm tree - prettier trunk - grows to 30' in 20 years - self-pruning (the fronds fall off as they age, but it looks better if you trim them)



Limited to Southern Florida's warmer coastal climate - may die if the temperature drops below **27° F**.

Double or triple palm trunks technically count for one tree.

9. Phoenix Roebelenii Palm - very sharp long painful thorns - trim carefully from the bottom wearing gloves



Pigmy Date Palm



Several neighbors have replaced the tree on the house-side of the sidewalk with a Phoenix Roebelenii palm (or Pigmy Date Palm) - this solves the over-crowding of a small front lot with 2 large trees that will smother the grass. This palm comes in single, double, treble or quadruple trunks - so technically a double trunk (or more) is 2 palms, counting for 1 tree.

10a. Japanese Blueberry evergreen tree - no leaves to sweep up

OTHER TREES may be planted with permission of the HOA & also the County if its on the *roadside of your sidewalk*. Replacing trees without permission is a **gamble** - the HOA &/or County may require the original tree to be replaced at the owners expense. I have no knowledge of what record they have of our trees - maybe the builder had to supply such a record to the HOA & County.

"Gross, Joe" <GrossJ@hillsboroughcounty.org> gave me permission by eMail to replace my Sycamore roadside tree with an **evergreen Japanese Blueberry tree** which grows around 30' high.

I see (from page 1) that this tree has been upgraded from an experimental to an approved tree.



10b. Japanese Blueberry evergreen tree - grows 30' tall



JAPANESE BLUEBERRY

DESCRIPTION This rapid growing, evergreen tree has small white flowers with deep blue fruit. It's leaves have bronze-red color on new growth.

TREE SPECS

Size of tree: 30-40 feet tall
Shape of tree: upright

Width of tree: 30-40 feet wide
Leaf type: evergreen

GROWING CONDITIONS

Soil preference: rich, well-drained slightly acidic soil
Moisture preference: somewhat moist soil
Sunlight requirements: partial to full sun

Japanese Blueberry evergreen trees in pots below. This tree is easily shaped as an ornamental tree (as can be seen in front of Publix cnr. Big Bend/301).



11a. Acacia flat top tree - indulge me - my favorite African tree - I'd love one of these in my back yard (with the lions) - it's natures example of a self-pruning picturesque tree - bare trunks with foliage on top - love it!!



Mount Kilimanjaro - Africa's highest mountain in Tanzania - love the elephants too!!



TRIMMING TREES - see PAGES 12 & 13 for **examples** of well trimmed trees...

- **Goal** for a young tree - 60% of the tree height should be the trunk - 40% branches. When the tree matures that will translate into 50% trunk & 50% branches. This formula allows the grass to get plenty of sunlight.
- Thinner young branches are much easier to trim than thicker mature branches - **so start trimming early**.
- Trim the branch off right next to the stem - do not leave a stump - shoots will grow off a stump. Pull new tiny shoots off from the trunk (right-away) before they grow.
- Never trim the top leader branch of a tree - that ruins the shape of the tree - trim the bottom 50-60% of the tree down to just the trunk.

This is the **best tree trimming saw** - cuts viciously on the pull-stroke - makes light-work of tree trimming...



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