



NORTH VALLEY TREE SERVICE

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Making the Best Tree Selection

Tree selection is one of the most important investment decisions that a homeowner makes when landscaping a new home or replacing a tree lost to damage or disease. Because most trees have the potential to outlive the people who planted them, the impact of this decision is long-term.

Before deciding what tree to plant, consider the following questions:

1. *Why is the tree being planted?*

- Do you want the tree to provide shade, fruit or seasonal color, or act as a windbreak or screen? Maybe serve more than one function?

2. *What is the size and location of the planting site?*

- Does the space lend itself to a large, medium or small tree?
- Are there overhead or below ground wires or utilities in the vicinity?
- Do you need to consider clearance for sidewalks, patios, or driveways?
- Are there other trees in the area?

3. *What conditions exist?*

- Is the soil deep, fertile, and well drained, or is it shallow, compacted, and infertile?
- How much sunlight is available?

4. *What type of maintenance are you willing to provide?*

- Do you have time to water, fertilize, and prune the newly planted tree until it is established, or will you be relying on your garden or tree service for assistance?

Homeowners who are having difficulty answering any of these questions should contact an ISA Certified Arborist in their local area for assistance. The arborist will help you to plant the "right tree in the right place."

The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) is a nonprofit organization supporting tree care research around the world. Headquartered in Champaign, Ill., ISA is dedicated to the care and

preservation of shade and ornamental trees. For more information, contact a local ISA Certified Arborist or visit www.isa-arbor.com.

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