

Fred's Favorites

Shade Trees

If you are like me, in the 60 year range, we need to look at speed.

- 1) Frontier Elm – puts on 3-4 foot of growth per year once established. Remember to shape the tree so you have 45° - 90° branching habit. Also, apply Tree and Shrub Systemic Drench to take care of elm leaf beetle so that the reddish color in leaves during fall are observed.
- 2) Accolade Elm – A huge elm reaching 50 – 60 foot height and 50 foot spread. More of an open type tree, so you can develop 45° – 90° crotch angle on branches in the Accolade. It is resistant to elm leaf beetle, so you don't need to use Tree and Shrub Systemic Drench on this tree.
- 3) Skyline Honeylocust – branches out as it goes up, so you get a tree that will provide shade, width, and height as it grows and develops.

If you are young, the trees I would say to plant are the slower, deep rooted trees.

- 1) Bur Oak - If you work with the trees, I'm going to mention that you can get a growth rate of 2-3 foot per year. What you need to do is plant annual flowers around the base of the tree to cut down on weed whacking problems. Also, apply gypsum in June, July and August thru the growing season. The reason for this is that the optimum pH for a tree is 6.5. Then fertilize in spring and fall with Tree and Shrub fertilizer or Grower's Special. It should also be noted that this type of care should be done for all trees planted.
- 2) Greenspire Linden
- 3) Hackberry