Frontier Elm

Ulmus 'Frontier'



Frontier Elm
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Height: 25 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Description:

A beautiful fast growing hybrid elm with a broadly upright habit of growth, a small to intermediate size tree, resistant to disease and insect attack; an excellent choice for urban planting under power lines and in parking lots

Ornamental Features

Frontier Elm has dark green deciduous foliage on a tree with a pyramidal habit of growth. The small serrated pointy leaves turn an outstanding dark red in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Frontier Elm is a deciduous tree with a distinctive and refined pyramidal form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Frontier Elm is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Shade

Planting & Growing

Frontier Elm will grow to be about 25 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 7 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. As it matures, the lower branches of this tree can be strategically removed to create a high enough canopy to support unobstructed human traffic underneath. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 90 years or more.



Frontier Elm in fall
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This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.