

Fruit and Nut Tree Selection Guide

The focus of this grant is to provide fruit & nut **trees**. Below is a guide for what is accepted and what is not. Please note that each proposal can request up to four of the pre-selected highbush shrubs in combination with fruit & nut trees.

Accepted	Not Accepted	Suggested Nurseries
<p>Fruit</p> <p>Apples Pears Peaches Plums Cherries Paw Paw American Persimmon Northrop Mulberry</p> <p>Nut</p> <p>American Hazelnut Chestnut Black Walnut Butternut</p> <p>Pre-selected High bush Shrubs (<i>you may choose up to 4 total</i>)</p> <p>Serviceberry Elderberry Highbush Cranberry</p>	<p>Raspberries Blueberries Blackberries Gooseberries Jostaberries Grapes Currants</p>	<p>Local</p> <p>East Hill Tree Farm Elmore Roots The Farm Between Perfect Circle Farm-Buzz Fever Horsford Nursery Gardener's Supply Red Wagon Plants Intervale Conservation Nursery Branch Out Burlington! Annual Tree Sale WVPD, Franklin County and many other park district annual tree sales</p> <p>Mail-order catalogs</p> <p>Fruition Seeds Fedco</p>

Tree Selection Considerations: keep the following points in mind when determining which trees you want for your site. Use these notes in combination with our [site assessment guide](#) to help you select the best trees for your site.

- **Mature Size/Form-** Fruit tree spacing (above ground and below ground.) [click here for basic spacing info](#)
- **Yield-** If you have a lot of people accessing your orchard you will want high yielding varieties. If you have a small team you may want to experiment with unique varieties that may produce lower yields.
- **Susceptibility to Pests-** Many nurseries will carry disease or pest varieties. confer with your local nursery to decide what varieties will work best in Vermont's climate
- **Winter Hardiness-** Consider your garden's hardiness zone and match it to the hardiness of a desired species ([click here for hardiness map](#)).
- **Pollination Needs-** Many fruit and nut tree varieties require a pollination pair - 2 trees/site ([click here for pollination info](#)).
- **Maintenance-** These trees will need long term care with the first few years being the most crucial. If these are your first tree plantings you'll want to consider starting small, with no more than 5 trees.