

## CLIMATE READY TREES FOR NEW MEXICO

Urban trees can help buffer changing and extreme climate events and improve life in cities by providing shade, carbon storage, water filtration, air pollution reduction, and citizen health benefits.

The current tree canopy of all New Mexican cities is below the national average, is in decline, and the species are not adapted to changing and hostile urban conditions.

To prepare for the future local experts modeled what future climate zones will look like in the next 100 years.

Next using the future and current zones experts ranked tree species that can be planted now and will still thrive through the next century.

These species have been chosen for their adaptability to changing temperatures, drought tolerance, variety of soil conditions, and lack of invasiveness.

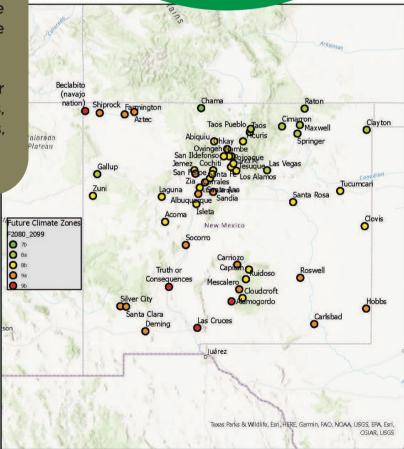
## Plant Smart, Care Smart

- All trees need to be watered as they establish, during the first three to five years.
- Purchase quality trees. Even if it is a tough tree don't purchase products with bugs, pests, or wounds.
- Proper planting will help your tree to survive. Remove all packaging (twine, pot, burlap),, trim any circling roots, and plant the tree so the root flare is level with the soil.

Mulch, mulch, mulch! This will help your tree retain water and protect its roots. Don't pile mulch on the trunk though!

## Right Tree, Right Place

- Match tree characteristics to your site and needs.
- Remember the mature height and spread of the tree, it will grow!
- Consider overhead and underground utilities
- Consider proximity to buildings and walkways.
- Match your tree choice to the amount of upkeep and maintenance you can provide.







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USDA Hardiness Zone 9A Silver City, Carlsbad, Roswell, Socorro, Albuquerque, Farmington

> Persian Silk Tree/ Mimosa Atlas Cedar Deodar Cedar Cedar of Lebanon **Prairie Pride Hackberry Netleaf Hackberry** Eastern Redbud Mexican Redbud **Oklahoma Redbud** Texas Redbud Mediterranean Fan Palm **Desert Willow Arizona Cypress Italian Cypress** Texas Persimmon **Coolibah Tree** Fig (edible) **New Mexico Olive Evergreen Ash** Gingko **Yaupon Holly Chinese Juniper Alligator Juniper Oneseed Juniper** Eastern Redcedar **Crape Myrtle**

Golden-ball Leadtree **Osage Orange** Little Leaf Mulberry **Fruitless Olive Afghan Pine Aleppo Pine Italian Stone Pine Chinese Pistache Pistachio Honey Mesquite** Screwbean Mesquite Pomegranate Arizona White Oak Southern Red Oak **Escarpment Live Oak** Valley Oak **Burr Oak** Chingapin Oak Texas Red Oak Southern Live Oak **Interior Live Oak Mexican Elder** Western Soapberry Tx. Mt. Laurel Cedar Elm Lacebark/Chinese Elm **Chaste Tree** Japanese Zelkova Jujube



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