

Trees & Shrubs for Fall Interest



Various factors contribute to the color that your tree leaves develop in the fall. The most important factor is selecting trees and shrubs that produce specific colors. Adequate moisture is also a factor; most shrubs and trees generally require 1" of moisture per week. The vividness of the color will then be influenced by the weather. For peak color to develop, leaves require warm, sunny days and cool, frosty nights.

Trees & Shrubs by Color

Light Key
F=Full Sun
L=Light Shade
H=Heavy Shade

- **Full Sun:** Full sun locations allow plants to cast their own shadow for 6 or more hours a day.
- **Light Shade:** Light shade locations give plants 4–6 hours of sun and will usually tolerate full sun.
- **Heavy Shade:** Heavy shade locations receive little or no sun and will usually tolerate light shade.

Shrubs with Red Fall Color	Light	Shrubs with Red Fall Color	Light
Azalea	F–L	Center Glow Ninebark	F–L
Barberry	F	Diabolo Ninebark	F
Bush Honeysuckle	F–L	Little Devil Ninebark	F
Chokeberry	F–L	Summer Wine Ninebark	F
Cotoneaster	F–L	Rhododendron	L
Dogwood	F–L	Serviceberry	F–L
Winged Euonymus	F–L	Smokebush	F
False Spirea	F–L	Spirea	F
Forsythia	F	Sumac	F–L
Amur Maple	F–L	Viburnum	F–L

Trees with Red Fall Color	Light	Trees with Red Fall Color	Light
Blue Beech	F–L	Japanese Maple	F–L
Autumn Splendor Buckeye	F–L	Majesty Sugar Maple	F
Adams Crabapple	F	Northwood Maple	F–L
Prairifire Crabapple	F	Red Sunset Maple	F

Pagoda Dogwood	F-L	Scarlet Jewel Maple	F
Frontier Elm	F	Showy Mountain Ash	F
Thornless Hawthorn	F	Crimson Spire Oak	F
Autumn Blaze Maple	F	Majestic Skies Oak	F
Autumn Fantasy Maple	F	Northern Pin Oak	F
Autumn Radiance Maple	F	Red Oak	F
Fall Fiesta Maple	F	White Oak	F
Firefall Maple	F	Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry	F-L
Green Mountain Maple	F	Nannyberry Viburnum	F-L
Hot Wings Maple	F		

Shrubs with Yellow Fall Color	Light	Shrubs with Yellow Fall Color	Light
Clethra	F-L	Flame Willow	F-L
American Hazelnut	F-L	French Pussy Willow	F-L
Emerald Mound Honeysuckle	F	Winterberry	F-L
Honeyrose Honeysuckle	F	Witchhazel	F-L

Trees with Yellow Fall Color	Light	Trees with Yellow Fall Color	Light
Aspen	F-L	White Fringetree	F-L
Birch	F-L	Ginkgo	F
Ohio Buckeye	F-L	Hackberry	F
Northern Catalpa	F	Honeylocust	F
Amur Cherry	F	Ironwood	F-L
Coffeetree	F	Larch	F
Firebird Crabapple	F	Linden	F
Lancelot Crabapple	F	Royal Star Magnolia	F
Madonna Crabapple	F	Columnar Norway Maple	F
Snowdrift Crabapple	F	Deborah Schwedler Maple	F-L
Spring Snow Crabapple	F	Emerald Luster Maple	F-L
Accolade Elm	F	Parkway Norway Maple	F
Cathedral Elm	F	Princeton Gold Maple	F
Discovery Elm	F	Sienna Glen Maple	F
New Horizon Elm	F	State Street Miyabe Maple	F
Patriot Elm	F	Sugar Cone Maple	F
Princeton Elm	F	Swamp White Oak	F
Triumph Elm	F	Willow	F

Valley Forge Elm

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