

Climate Ready Trees

This list of trees will thrive in Santa Rosa's current and future climate, as climate change affects Sonoma County. All of the trees on this list are low water use and are eligible for use with the Cash for Grass rebate program.

Common Tree Name	Latin Name	Size*	Notes
California buckeye	<i>Aesculus californica</i>	Medium	Native tree with showy creamy white flowers. Allergenic.
Marina strawberry tree	<i>Arbutus 'Marina'</i>	Medium	Known for reddish peeling bark and orange berries.
Strawberry tree	<i>Arbutus unedo</i>	Small	Edible fruit persists year-round.
Dr. Hurd manzanita	<i>Arctostaphylos manzanita 'Dr. Hurd'</i>	Small	Local native noted for striking mahogany bark and winter bloom. Slow growing.
Ray Hartman ceanothus	<i>Ceanothus 'Ray Hartman'</i>	Small	Native noted for blue spring bloom.
Western redbud	<i>Cercis occidentalis</i>	Small	Native noted for deep pink spring bloom. Slow growing.
Desert willow	<i>Chilopsis linearis</i>	Small	Noted for fragrant, showy flowers spring and summer. Attracts birds.
Persimmon	<i>Diospyros kaki</i>	Small	Heavily fruiting tree.
California Ash	<i>Fraxinus dipetala</i>	Small	This native has small white fragrant flowers.
Crape myrtle	<i>Lagerstroemia indica</i>	Small	Noted for summer flowers and fall color. Attractive bark when mature.
Saratoga laurel	<i>Laurus 'Saratoga'</i>	Small	Leaves used for culinary purposes.
Catalina ironwood	<i>Lyonothamnus floribundus ssp asplenifolius</i>	Medium	Needs excellent drainage, loam or sand.
Swan Hill olive	<i>Olea europaea 'Swan Hill'</i>	Small	This is the only truly fruitless variety.
Little leaf palo verde	<i>Parkinsonia microphylla (Cercidium)</i>	Small	Wide canopy with greenish bark and pale yellow flower.
Chinese pistache	<i>Pistacia chinensis 'Keith Davey'</i>	Medium	Prefer male cultivar for lower maintenance and no pollen production.
Carolina laurel cherry	<i>Prunus caroliniana</i>	Small	Small fragrant white flowers attract bees.
Holly leaf cherry	<i>Prunus ilicifolia</i>	Small	California native. Large clusters of cream colored flowers in the spring.
Pomegranate	<i>Punica granatum</i>	Small	Fruiting tree with beautiful fall foliage.
Majestic Beauty Indian hawthorne	<i>Rhaphiolepis x 'Montic'</i>	Small	Notable for numerous light pink flowers over a long blooming period.
Frontier elm	<i>Ulmus 'Frontier'</i>	Medium	Noted for beautiful mottled bark. Fast growing.
Chinese elm	<i>Ulmus parvifolia 'Drake'</i>	Large	Beautiful tree with weeping habit.

* Approximate tree size at maturity is small (height 25'x width 20'), medium (20' x 40') and large (30' x 60')