

# USE TREES & WATER WISELY

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## OFFICE / RETAIL

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Select appropriate trees for the climate where you live and the growing conditions.

### 2. CHOOSE SHADE TREES

Plant regionally appropriate shade trees. Trees planted on the east and west sides of buildings and

over play and parking areas, where possible. Trees that shade the building help to reduce cooling costs. Trees used as windbreaks will help reduce heating costs. Avoid high-allergen trees and those with high potential to create root damage if planting near structures.

### 3. LANDSCAPE STRIP

Utilize the area between the sidewalk and parking areas or buildings to plant trees and increase curb appeal.

### 4. AVOID TURF

Avoid planting water-loving groundcovers and especially turf. When landscaping, choose regionally appropriate plants.

### 5. PARKING AREAS

Trees provide shade for parking areas, help reduce urban heat and unlike shade structures, will help sequester carbon in the air.

### 6. BOUNDARY TREES

Trees can help reduce noise and can be planted along boundaries near roadways.

### 7. OVERHEAD STRUCTURES

Choose smaller utility friendly trees near overhead structures, like street lights and wires.

### 8. CHECK FOR SERVICES

Call 811 to check the location of any underground services before digging.

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