



# Looking for Norway Maple?



Norway maple (*Acer platanoides*) is now prohibited from sale or planting in New Hampshire because it is an invasive species.

Norway maple is a rapidly growing, adaptable deciduous tree with good salt tolerance. The cultivar 'Crimson King' with its maroon-colored leaves is a favorite shade tree. When selecting an alternative, evaluate the site and plant characteristics carefully.

## Consider using these non-invasive alternatives:

### Where moderate salt tolerance is needed

Ginkgo (*Ginkgo biloba*)



Slow-growing but very long-lived; unique fan-shaped leaves, nice yellow fall color. Salt, heat, and drought tolerant. Plant male trees to avoid the unpleasant smell of the fruit. 75' tall x 40' wide.

Japanese Tree Lilac (*Syringa reticulata*)



A smaller tree, 30' x 20' at maturity. Lilac-like white blossoms in mid-summer, but not fragrant; attractive cherry-like bark. 'Ivory Silk' is a popular cultivar.

Northern Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*)



A nice native shade tree for lawn areas. Lustrous green summer foliage; russet brown in fall. Acorns may be an annoyance but squirrels love them. 75' tall x 60' wide.

Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*)



Red spring color when in bloom, green summer foliage, yellow to red in fall. Native; will tolerate wet soils. 75' tall x 60' wide.

### Where purple foliage is desired

Flowering Crabapple (*Malus varieties*)



For purple leaves and good disease resistance, choose 'Purple Prince' or 'Thunderchild'; for purplish-green foliage and moderate to good resistance, 'Pink Princess' and 'Pink Spires'. 15'-20' tall x 12'-25' wide, depending on variety.

Purple Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*)



'Riversii' European beech is the most popular and available purple beech. Allow ample space for this long-lived but slow-growing tree. 50' tall x 40' wide.

Flowering Plum (*Prunus cerasifera*)



Varieties with purple leaves include 'Atropurpurea', 'Newport' and 'Mount Saint Helens', suitable to zone 4; and 'Thundercloud' for zone 5 or warmer. Often subject to diseases and insect damage. Mature sizes vary; 15'-30' high x 15'-25' wide.



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1-877-398-4769 (weekdays, 9-2)

New Hampshire Invasive Species Program Web site:  
[http://www.agriculture.nh.gov/topics/plants\\_insects.htm](http://www.agriculture.nh.gov/topics/plants_insects.htm)

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