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Homestead Elm

Ulmus 'Homestead'



Homestead Elm
Photo courtesy of University of Minnesota

Height: 60 feet

Spread: 45 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5

Description:

A fast-growing hybrid elm cultivar with an upright oval habit and arching branchlets, dense foliage and good fall color, resistant to Dutch elm disease, very adaptable; excellent as a street tree or a shade tree for larger landscapes

Ornamental Features

Homestead Elm has dark green deciduous foliage on a tree with an oval habit of growth. The serrated pointy leaves turn yellow in fall.

Landscape Attributes

Homestead Elm is a deciduous tree with a shapely oval form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects

Homestead Elm is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Shade

Planting & Growing

Homestead Elm will grow to be about 60 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 45 feet. It has a high canopy of foliage that sits well above the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. As it matures, the lower branches of this tree can be strategically removed to create a high enough canopy to support unobstructed human traffic underneath. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 90 years or more.

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This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

