

## Sec. 78-318. - Prohibited plants and invasive nonnative plants.

Prohibited plants shall not be planted anywhere in the city, and in some cases must be removed. The official list of prohibited plant species, species to be removed, and species that may remain if planted is provided in Table 29.

Table 29: Plant Species Prohibited or Required to be Removed

Common Name	Scientific Name	Shall not be Planted and Must Be Removed	Not be Planted — But not Required to be Removed
Air potato vine	<i>Dioscorea bulbifera</i>	✓	
Australian pine	<i>Casuarina</i> spp.	✓	
Bischofia	<i>Bischofia javanica</i>		✓
Brazilian pepper or Florida holly	<i>Schinus teribinthifolius</i>	✓	
Carrotwood	<i>Supaniopsis anacardioides</i>	✓	
Cat's claw	<i>Minosa pigra</i>		✓
Chinese tallow tree	<i>Sapium sebiferum</i>		✓
Cork tree	<i>Thespesia populnea</i>		✓
Downy rose myrtle	<i>Rhodomyrtus tomentosus</i>		✓
Earleaf acacia	<i>Acacia auriculiformis</i>	✓	
Jasmine	<i>Jasminum dichotomum</i>		✓
Java plum	<i>Syzygium cumini</i>		✓
Kudzu	<i>Pueraria montana</i>	✓	
Leather leaf	<i>Colubrina asiatica</i>		✓

Lofty fig	Ficus altissima		✓
Mahoe	Hibiscus tiliaceus		✓
Melaleuca	Melaleuca quinquenervia	✓	
Schefflera or Queensland umbrella tree	Schefflera actinophylla	✓	
Shoebuttan ardisia	Ardisia solanaceae		✓
Small leaf climbing fern or Old World climbing fern	Lygodium microphyllum	✓	
Woman's tongue	Albizia lebeck		✓

- (a) *Removal.* Upon issuance of a building permit, a property owner shall remove or cause to be removed the plant species listed in Table 29. Certain existing prohibited plants shall be removed or be allowed to remain in place as provided in Table 29.
- (b) *Certificates of occupancy.* A certificate of occupancy or other official acceptance of completed work shall not be issued for development until verification is provided, through inspection by the city forester or by certification by a state-licensed landscape architect, that all required removal of prohibited plants or invasive nonnative plants has been completed and is in accordance with the development plan or phasing plan, and permit conditions. The eradication of prohibited plants and invasive nonnative plants, as applicable, shall be completed prior to the final landscape inspection.
- (c) *Use of ficus species.* Ficus species may be planted as individual trees or hedge material, subject to the standards listed below.
- (1) Location. Individual ficus spp. trees shall not be planted within 15 feet of any public road right-of-way or other public utility.
  - (2) Hedges. Ficus spp. hedges shall be regularly maintained, shall be of cold-tolerant variety, and shall not exceed eight feet in height.

(Ord. No. 17-2000, § 159, 7-20-00; Ord. No. 7, 2017, § 18, 3-2-17)