

Trees & Septics

Trees should be planted at least 20 feet from septic. Trees with invasive roots should be planted at least 50 feet from septic.

Tree roots that commonly invade septic systems:

Red Maple	<i>Acer rubrum</i>
Silver Maple	<i>Acer saccharinum</i>
Birch	<i>Betula</i>
Beech	<i>Fagus</i>
Weeping Willow	<i>Salix alba</i>
American Elm	<i>Ulmus americana</i>

Shrub roots that commonly invade septic systems:

Redosier Dogwood	<i>Cornus sericea</i>
Pussy Willow	<i>Salix discolor</i>

Tree roots that rarely invade septic systems:

Norway Maple	<i>Acer platanoides</i>
Sugar Maple	<i>Acer saccharum</i>
Dogwood	<i>Cornus</i>
Crabapple	<i>Malus</i>
White Pine	<i>Pinus strobus</i>
Cherry (fruit and ornamental)	<i>Prunus</i>
Scarlet Oak	<i>Quercus coccinea</i>
Bur Oak	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>
Northern Red Oak	<i>Quercus rubra</i>
Hemlock	<i>Tsuga</i>