



## Trees & Septic Systems

**As a general rule of thumb all trees should be planted at least 20 feet from septic systems. Trees with invasive roots should be planted even further, at least 50 feet from septic systems.**

### 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>
Dogwood	<i>Cornus sericea</i>

### 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>