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## Tough Trees for Difficult Spots in the Home Landscape

Most people have seen them. Those plants gasping for life on the tiny green island in the mall parking lot, or struggling along in the highway median. These are tough spots for anything to survive. But surprisingly, a homeowner can end up with some pretty rough growing conditions right in their own yard. Heavy clay soils, fill dirt and debris from new construction, exposed dry western slopes, wet areas, and so on.

If you have a spot with these conditions, not all plants are cut out for the tough life, but some are. There are plants that can survive, even thrive in these spots. Sometimes are so tough they seem to be able to grow anywhere, others are tough but need a little extra TLC to get established. The key is to be realistic about the conditions the plant has to grow in, and if you are committed to trying to growing a plant that is 'delicate' be prepared to greatly modify the soil it grows in and greatly increase the care given to it.

Below is a list of plants that have proven tough in central Ohio's heavy soils, alkaline conditions, droughty summers and late spring frosts. Combine this with some advice from our gardening experts to help fill this tough spot!

### SMALL SPECIES 6-25' HIGH

HEDGE MAPLE	TRIDENT MAPLE	HAWTHORN
LACEBARK PINE	WEeping CHERRY	CORNELIAN CHERRY

### MEDIUM TREES 25 - 40'

MIYABE MAPLE	ALDER SP.	EUROPEAN HORNBEAM
HARDY RUBBER TREE	GOLDENRAIN TREE	AMUR MAACHIA
COMMON PERSIMMON	BLACK HILLS SPRUCE	WEeping AND UPRIGHT CHERRY

### LARGE TREES 40' +

AUTUMN BLAZE MAPLE	RED MAPLE	SIENNA GLEN MAPLE
OCTOBER GLORY MAPLE	AUTUMN FLAME MAPLE	NORWEGIAN SUNSET MAPLE
PACIFIC SUNSET MAPLE	GINKGO TREE	THORNLESS HONEYLOCUST
KENTUCKY COFFEE TREE	SWEETGUM	LONDON PLANETREE
WHITE SPRUCE	AUSTRIAN PINE	OAKS
BALDCYPRESS	LACEBARK ELM	HYBRID ELMS
ZELKOVA	CATALPA	SUGAR HACKBERRY

TREES FOR YOUR HOME