

SPECIES CHOICES: Outer Sunset

Give your 1st and 2nd choices of species to Mike by **Tuesday, January 9**. Call (415) 268-0784 or email mike@fuf.net.

Species are recommended based on availability and appropriateness for the area.

To see color pictures of the following trees, check out www.fuf.net/trees or http://selectree.calpoly.edu/name_search.lasso or search Google images.

Please note that the Outer Sunset is one of the toughest microclimates in our city for trees to survive in. There are not many trees that can handle the conditions, so it makes for a short species list. Other species can be found in the neighborhood in little niche, but **these are the only trees we will be planting because they are very hardy**. Good, regular watering techniques are critical to the survival of trees near the ocean due to the sandy soils, strong salty winds, and foggy conditions. Trees will grow stronger and faster given at least 20 gallons of water twice a week for the first few years after planting.

Trees suitable for North/South and East/West streets:

Common Name	Latin Name	Size at Maturity	Wind tolerance?	OK under power lines?	Growth Rate	Special Characteristics	Location
Cabbage Palm	<i>Cordyline australis</i>	Ht. 20-30' Spread 15'	High, ok for east/west	Yes	Slow to moderate	Upright form, light canopy. Tropical, palm-like feel. Leaves form clumps like pom-poms. Small white flowers in long branching clusters in late spring. Rough tan bark flares at base over time.	1642 45 th , 3425 Judah, 1694 40 th
New Zealand Christmas Tree	<i>Metrosideros excelsus</i>	Ht. 25-40' Spread 25'	High, ok for east/west	Depends on height of primary wires	Moderate	Minimum 4x4 basin required; root guard strongly recommended. Very common and hearty tree in the Outer Sunset. Dense, oval canopy. Dark green leaves w/ white undersides. Smaller red bottle-brush flowers bloom late summer. These get big, so should only be planted in suitable locations.	1727 40 th , 3338 Noriega, 3833 Lawton

North/South Streets (away from corners – needs wind protection):

Common Name	Latin Name	Size at Maturity	Wind tolerance?	Ok under power lines?	Growth Rate	Special Characteristics	Location
Sweet Hakea	<i>Hakea suaveolens</i>	Ht. up to 20' Spread 15'	Moderate	Yes	Slow to moderate	Moderately dense umbrella shaped canopy. Stiff, dark green needle-like leaves form in stick-like segments. Small white fragrant flowers bloom late fall in fluffy clusters. Round dry seed pods persist on branches.	1600 40 th Ave on Lawton
Coast banksia	<i>Banksia integrifolia</i>	Ht. 20 - 30' Spread 20'	Moderate	Yes	Moderate	Trunk is twisted and gnarled, with the rough grey bark. The leaves are dark green with a white underside.	280 10 th Ave (Richmond)
Australian tea tree	<i>Leptospermum leavigatum</i>	Ht. up to 25' Spread 15'	Moderate	Yes	Slow	Spreading, dense canopy. Smaller, grey-green oval leaves. Many small white solitary flowers in late spring. Persistent small wooly seed capsules. Unique light grey twisting bark. Wind blown shape in wind.	1719 38 th Ave, 3445 Moraga St

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Common Name	Latin Name	Size at Maturity	Wind?	Power lines?	Growth Rate	Special Characteristics	Location
Primrose*	<i>Lagunaria patersonii</i>	Ht. 20-40' Spread 15-30'	Moderate to low	No	Fast	Upright pyramidal form with a dense canopy. Thick, oval leaves olive-green above, grey below. Pink, hibiscus-looking flowers darken with age and turn into dry seed pods.	1519 44 th Ave
Strawberry Tree	<i>Arbutus</i> 'Marina'	Ht. 25-30' Spread 25'	Moderate	Yes	Moderate	Small pink lantern-shaped flowers hang in clusters along with orange-red strawberry-like fruit. Smooth red bark. Dense, round to spreading canopy. Good tree for small spaces. Attracts birds.	1670 39 th Ave, 1740 38 th Ave
Lemon Bottlebrush	<i>Callistemon citrinus</i>	Ht. 15-20' Spread 15'	Moderate to low	Yes	Moderate	Round, dense canopy with narrow medium green leaves. New foliage is coppery. Bright red bottle-brush flowers bloom late winter followed by small brown seed capsules that hang from branches.	1255 41 st Ave

In property only trees: If you cannot plant in the sidewalk because there isn't enough room, you can likely plant in your front yard area. Here are some options for such situations. Additionally, you can plant any of the trees listed above in your front yard (depending on the specific site).

Common Name	Latin Name	Size at Maturity	Wind?	Power lines?	Growth Rate	Special Characteristics	Location
Kapuka	<i>Griselinia littoralis</i>	Ht. up to 20' Spread 10'	Moderate	No	Slow to moderate	Dense, upright canopy. Round, leathery, lustrous green leaves. Insignificant flowers and fruits. Can get tall over time.	1314 45 th Ave
Pink melaleuca	<i>Melaleuca nesophila</i>	Ht. up to 25' Spread varies	High	Yes	Fast	Short shrub with interesting bark and pretty pink flowers. Can grow large with twisting trunks if not pruned back. There are a lot on the perimeter of Golden Gate Park.	2443 44 th Ave