

Clean and Green Fall 2026 Application Plant List

Trees and Shrubs

Deciduous Trees

1. Bald Cypress, [*Taxodium distichum*](#)

Bald Cypress is a deciduous conifer, growing to 50'-70' tall and 20'-30' wide at maturity. It is a great fit for both moist and dry soils in the landscape. Its flat needles offer a soft, green texture before turning attractive copper in the fall. The fibrous bark underneath visually pops when the needles fall off in the winter.

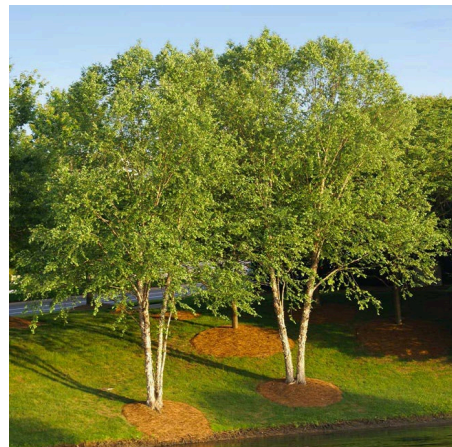
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2. River Birch, [*Betula Nigra*](#)

River Birch grows to about 30'-60' tall and 40'-50' wide at maturity. It thrives mainly in floodplains, along streams, and swampy bottomlands but is also very adaptable and tolerates dry conditions. It is known for its exfoliating bark and fast growth rate. River Birch is also significant for its use in erosion control and as food habitat for wildlife.

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Evergreen Trees

3. Sweetbay Magnolia, [*Magnolia virginiana*](#)

Sweetbay Magnolia is a small tree with fragrant, white flowers that bloom in early summer. It is semi-deciduous, with beautiful leaves that are dark green on the top and silvery underneath. A smaller species, it grows to 15'-35' tall and 10'-25' wide at maturity. Sweetbay Magnolia can be planted in many positions, including wetter or boggy conditions.

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4. Southern Magnolia, [*Magnolia grandiflora* x "Little Gem"](#)

Southern Magnolia is a medium-sized evergreen tree with large fragrant white flowers that bloom in summer. This cultivar is a dwarf variety that only grows about 25' tall at maturity. In addition, it has beautiful leaves that are waxy dark green on the top and silvery or brown underneath. Southern Magnolia tolerates a wide range of soils. This tree provides year-round interest.

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5. Eastern Red Cedar, [*Juniperus virginiana*](#)

Eastern Red Cedar is a small to medium-sized evergreen tree with beautiful bluish-green foliage. It reaches heights of 30'-40' and about 10'-20' wide at maturity. This tree is heat-, drought-, and salt-tolerant and can adapt to many soil types. Used for screens, specimen, and winter interest.

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Shrubs

6. Southern Bayberry, [*Morella cerifera*](#)

This evergreen shrub grows to 10'-20' tall and about 10' wide at maturity. It is tolerant of salt, deer, and compact soil conditions, making it a versatile choice. It will grow well in a wide range of soils in full sun to part shade, and is known to attract birds and butterflies.

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7. Inkberry Holly, [*Ilex glabra*](#) x "Shamrock"

The Inkberry prefers a sunny location with good drainage but can thrive in a variety of soils, including boggy, wet soils. This cultivar is a smaller variety, growing to about 3'-6' tall. This evergreen shrub will also form nice hedges if allowed and provides a great food source for birds.

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8. Winterberry, [*Ilex verticillata*](#)

By no surprise, this shrub famously supplies gardens with a showcase of bright berries throughout the winter months. Winterberry is a sizable plant reaching between 6'-12' tall, likened to a small tree. It can handle boggy conditions, though it prefers moist soils in full sun to part shade.

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9. Oakleaf Hydrangea, [*Hydrangea quercifolia*](#) 'Snow Queen'
Of the shrubs on this list, Oakleaf Hydrangea has the largest leaves, growing close to 1' in length. Its flowers spring out from this 6'-8' tall shrub in large pyramidal bunches during the summer. If there is a part-shade spot with moist soil in the yard, this plant might be a good fit.

N, P



Perennials

10. Butterfly Weed, [*Asclepias tuberosa*](#)
Growing up to 2' tall, this perennial produces orange/yellow flowers. This perennial handles various conditions such as heat, humidity, and mild drought with ease. It is loved by butterflies, notably Monarchs, and attracts birds in fall and winter.

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11. Black-eyed Susan, [*Rudbeckia fulgida*](#)

Put Maryland's state flower in your sunny garden! This drought-tolerant plant will grow 2'-3' tall. Its gorgeous bright yellow flowers bloom in mid-to-late summer. Another favorite of butterflies and other important pollinators.

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12. Purple Coneflower, [*Echinacea purpurea*](#) 'Magnus'

Tall perennial with purple-pink flowers that bloom throughout summer. Prefers medium-moist, well-drained soils in full sun to part shade. It is great for birds and bees, and handles heat, drought, and humidity well. It typically grows 2'-3' tall.

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13. Aster, [Aster](#) x 'Wood's Purple'

A compact clumping perennial that blooms across fall. Typically growing between 1'-3' tall, its daisy-like flowers range from light purple to bright pink. Watch this plant thrive in full sun to part shade areas with average to moist soils.

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Grasses

14. Pennsylvania Sedge, [Carex pensylvanica](#)

Carex pensylvanica is mostly evergreen in colder climates and fully evergreen in warmer ones. It's a clumper that reseeds readily to provide dense coverage. It has a fondness for moist or wet soils but also adapts to dry conditions, adjusting to different soils.

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15. Pink Muhly Grass, [*Muhlenbergia capillaris*](#)

This grass has a whimsical purple/pink appearance. Growing 2'-3' tall, it offers interesting texture to the landscape. Tolerant of both dry and wet soil conditions, it can be used in various locations and attracts many butterflies and songbirds.

N, DT, RG



Bulbs

16. Daffodil Mix, [*Narcissus*](#) sp. Mix

Easy-to-grow spring-flowering bulb; requires full sun or light shade. One bag has 50 bulbs. Plant bulbs with the tips facing up and roots down in fall to awaken in early spring.

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DT - Deer Tolerant

RG - Rain Garden

N - Maryland Native Plant

P - Pollinator