

The “look around rule.”

Corollary to the 10 20 30 rule.

Focus on population and percentages for your neighborhood.

Look around: see a lot of one species on your block? Plant something else!

Making it work:

- provide a list with as diverse a selection of species as possible,
- species that are suitable for our climate and soil,
- within the range of what people prefer
- what is available in the nursery trade.
- Update the list every few years with current information about new hazards.

Committee discussions about tree species can often turn into fruitless quests for the perfect tree. Consult with nursery professionals and be flexible within your range of choices.