



**Pioneer Elm**  
*Ulmus 'Pioneer'*

Height: 50 feet

Spread: 50 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5a

**Description:**

A popular hybrid elm cultivar with a dense, rounded canopy, large shiny leaves and good fall color, resistant to Dutch elm disease; excellent as a street tree or a shade tree for larger properties; very adaptable to adverse conditions

**Ornamental Features**

Pioneer Elm has dark green deciduous foliage on a tree with a round habit of growth. The serrated pointy leaves turn yellow in fall.

**Landscape Attributes**

Pioneer Elm is a deciduous tree with a more or less rounded form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects

Pioneer Elm is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Shade

**Planting & Growing**

Pioneer Elm will grow to be about 50 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 50 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 6 feet from the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. As it matures, the lower branches of this tree can be strategically removed to create a high enough canopy to support unobstructed human traffic underneath. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 90 years or more.



*Pioneer Elm*  
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This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.