

LARGE DECIDUOUS TREES

***Ulmus* x 'Homestead'**

(ul'-mus)

Homestead Elm



ZONES:

4, 5, 6, 7, 8

HEIGHT:

50' to 60'

WIDTH:

30' to 40' +

FRUIT:

1/2" obovate, winged samara; notched.

TEXTURE:

Fine to medium.

GROWTH RATE:

Rapid

HABIT:

Irregular in youth; pyramidal or upright with age.

FAMILY:

Ulmaceae

LEAF COLOR: Dark green in summer; bleached yellow, attractive foliage in fall.

LEAF DESCRIPTION: SIMPLE, 2" to 4" long and half as wide, ovate to narrow ovate to elliptic shape, acute tip and usually oblique base. Double serrated margin. ALTERNATE arrangement.

FLOWER DESCRIPTION: Greenish, tiny, appearing in multi-flowered pendulous racemes in early spring. NOT ORNAMENTAL.

EXPOSURE/CULTURE: Full sun. Adaptable to a wide range of soil types and pH reaction. Reasonable drought tolerance. Selective pruning recommended to develop strong branch structure.

PEST PROBLEMS: Resistant to Dutch Elm Disease and phloem necrosis; however it can be attacked by the Elm leaf beetle.

BARK/STEMS: Young stems brown to gray; older bark smooth and gray, becoming fissured in old age.

SELECTED CULTIVARS: None. This is a cultivar.

RELATED SPECIES: Homestead Elm is a hybrid involving three species. *U. carpinifolia*, *U. hollandica*, and *U. pumila*.

LANDSCAPE NOTES: Homestead Elm is a superior hybrid Elm. Much research has resulted in longer-lived trees that are resistant to the infamous killer - Dutch Elm Disease. The sentimental Elm is back with hybrids superior in form to the American Elm. Homestead is great for lawns or garden borders.