

Kentucky Coffeetree – *Gymnocladus dioicus*



A tree that is not used enough in the Thornton area. A beautiful tree and very hardy for Thornton. Sparse canopy when young. Drought tolerant and a low water user.

Tree Characteristics

Mature Height : 50'-60'

Water Use: Very low

Growth Rate: 4"-6"/Year

USDA Hardiness Zones: 3b- 7

Summer Leaf Color: Dark green

Fruit: Pod, 6"-8" long

Mature Spread: 40'-50'

Exposure: Full sun

Soils: Adaptable

Leaf: Bi-pinnately compound

Fall Leaf Color: Green/yellow

Flower Color: White/yellow



Maintenance Recommendations

Watering

- Winter watering – With a root feeder, add 5 gallons of water per month per trunk diameter inch, distributed evenly at the drip line of the tree.
- Season watering – If the tree is in turfgrass, no additional water needed. If in a planter bed, add 5 gallons per month per trunk diameter inch.

Pruning – the growth habit of this tree is excurrent, meaning that it naturally has a strong central leader to the top of the tree..Structurally prune the tree to maintain this habit.

Wrapping – this tree should be wrapped with crepe tree wrap until it has matured to a trunk diameter of 4". Wrapping should occur around Halloween, with unwrapping in mid April.

Mulching – this tree should be mulched around the base of the trunk. The mulch should be no more than 2" thick. Insure that the mulch is not touching the trunk.

