

Russian Hawthorn – Crataegus ambigua



A very hardy tree for Thornton. A small ornamental tree that is very adaptable to our climate and soils. Very drought tolerant and a low water user.

Tree Characteristics

Mature Height : 15'-25'

Water Use: Low

Growth Rate: Moderate/slow

USDA Hardiness Zones: 4 - 6

Summer Leaf Color: Deep green

Fruit: Bright red

Mature Spread: 15'-20'

Exposure: Sun to part shade

Soils: Adapable

Leaf: Simple, alternate

Fall Leaf Color: Green/yellow

Flower Color: White

Maintenance Recommendations

Watering

- Winter watering – With a root feeder, add 5-8 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 is needed. If in a planter bed, add 5-8 gallons per month per trunk diameter inch.

Pruning – the growth habit of this tree is decurrant, meaning that it naturally has several scaffold branches throughout the canopy. 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.

