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Vanguard Elm

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Ulmus 'Morton Plainsman'

Height: 50 feet

Spread: 40 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4a

*Vanguard Elm
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Description:

A large variety of hybrid elm with a narrowly upright vase-shaped habit reminiscent of American elm, highly resistant to Dutch elm disease; ideal for a large street tree or a shade tree for larger landscapes; very adaptable, an impressive form

Ornamental Features

Vanguard 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

Vanguard 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Vanguard Elm is recommended for the following landscape applications;

  - Shade

Planting & Growing

Vanguard Elm will grow to be about 50 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 40 feet. It has a high canopy with a typical clearance of 7 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 medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 80 years or more.

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.