

Standards Guide for Container Grown Trees



Standards are set by our industry for the height, width and caliper of containerized (grown in pots) trees. Some varieties grow naturally smaller, and others grow naturally larger. As long as the tree's measurements fall within the range for the specific size container, it is considered to be within standard.

	Container Size	Caliper (inches)	Height (feet)	Spread (feet)	Branch Height (feet)
Shade and Ornamentals	#30	2.00" - 2.50"	8.0' - 10.0'	4.0' - 5.0'	4.0' - 5.0'
	#45	2.50" - 3.00"	10.0' - 12.0'	5.0' - 6.0'	5.0'+
	#65	3.00" - 3.50"	12.0' - 14.0'	6.0' - 7.0'	5.0'+
	#95	4.00" - 4.50"	14.0' - 16.0'	7.0' - 8.0'	5.0'+
Flowering Ornamentals	#15	1.00" - 1.25"	5.0' - 7.0'	3.0' - 4.0'	3.0' - 4.0'
	#30	1.50" - 2.00"	6.0' - 8.0'	4.0' - 5.0'	4.0' - 5.0'
	#45	2.00" - 2.50"	8.0'+	5.0'+	4.0' - 5.0'
	Container Size	Caliper (feet)	Height (feet)	Spread (feet)	Branch Height (feet)
Clump or Multi-Caned	#15	6.0' - 8.0'	2.5' - 3.0'	---	---
	#30	8.0' - 10.0'	4.0' - 5.0'	---	---
	#45	10.0' - 12.0'	5.0'	---	---
	#65	12.0' - 14.0'	6.0'+	---	---

Definitions:

Caliper is the diameter of the tree trunk, measured 6" above the top of the pot.

Height is the measurement of the tree alone. The pot is never included.

Spread is the average width of the widest branches.

Branch Height is the distance the lowest limb is above the soil in the pot.

