

Deciduous Trees & Shrubs With Fall Color

Here are some great tree and shrub options that will give you wonderful fall color.

- **Barberry** – A colorful shrub that produces delicate yellow flowers in the spring and bright fall foliage. Crimson pygmy barberry features oval-shaped leaves in purple and red tones. As the weather gets colder, these leaves darken. In winter, your barberry bush will display bright red berries. Barberry is a good hedge shrub, with the crimson pygmy barberry typically growing 2 feet high and 2.5 feet wide.
- **Smoketree** – A shrubby sumac relative with fragrant foliage and airy seed clusters in summer; comes in green or purple leaf versions, as well as hybrids. A giant shrub unless pruned to either tree form or kept to the shrub size and shape that you prefer. As the weather cools and the panicles disappear, the leaves become bold shades of orange, red or yellow.
- **Burning Bush** – As its name implies, the burning bush shrub has dark green leaves that turn bright red in the fall. The burning bush can grow 15 to 20 feet high, if not pruned. A dwarf form of burning bush tops out at 10 feet. Burning bushes display purple-red berries that are unsafe to eat.
- **Japanese Maple** – The unique form, delicate and often colorful leaves and smooth gray bark give Japanese maples year-round appeal. These graceful trees work in traditional landscapes as well as theme gardens. There are more than 300 cultivars. With so many options, it's easy to picture one of these serene beauties in your landscape.
- **Twig Dogwood** – The red twig dogwood displays rusty red bark when exposed to hot weather and creamy white flowers in the springtime and early summer. It is a shrub form of dogwood tree, growing no more than 10 feet high.
- **Vine Maples** – Native trees with beautiful spring and fall color. It is a tree that can stand alone, or provide “background” color. Vine maples like full sun or partial sun; acidic soil and are wet soil tolerant. These trees are available in single stem or multi-stem.