

## Live Oak

*Quercus virginiana* Mill.

Family: Fagaceae

The Live Oak is a majestic and strong shade tree. It can grow as wide or wider as it is tall, to 50' by 50' or more! It is hard to mistake the stately spreading structure of a Live Oak's trunk and branches. The leaves are rather stiff, elliptical shaped, and arranged alternately to each other on stems. Leaves are shiny, dark green on top and a lighter gray-green on the bottom. Due to this tree's open habit and leaf form, shifting sunlight passes through the canopy that allows you to plant flowers, shrubs, and grass beneath. Live Oak Trees have acorns that can grow to about an inch long.



As with all trees in the City of Plantation, please make sure that they are of the Florida #1 or better quality. This means the tree has one central leader (not several) and good branch structure with branches evenly spaced around the trunk. Roots should grow away from the trunk, not circle or girdle it. Please be sure to follow proper planting procedures!

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