

CHOOSING A TREE

SIZE – Be sure the size of the mature tree is appropriate for the location.

MESSINESS – Some trees drop large amounts of leaves and fruit. These trees are not ideal for locations near a pool, patio, or parking area.

EVERGREEN OR DECIDUOUS – Deciduous trees drop leaves during the winter. In the cold months they have bare branches which let sun through. Evergreen trees drop old leaves and needles throughout the year, but the trees are never bare. They provide year-round shade.

IRRIGATION – Even native desert trees will need watering when planted, and periodic watering for two years to establish. Some trees, such as citrus, have high water needs and require irrigation.

NATIVE vs. EXOTIC – Native desert trees are well adapted to our climate and will need little supplemental water. Exotic species may have higher water needs and some can become weedy.