

## ANNUALS



Annuals are one-year plants that, with the right selection, will give continual color from early spring to late fall.

They come in a variety of colors, sizes and shapes. They can be used in a totally annual bed or they can be

coupled with perennials to create a pleasing sight.

## HARDENING OFF PLANTS

Any plant introduced to the outside world from a protected environment (i.e. greenhouse) experiences shock. **Hardening off plants** helps to minimize this shock by gradually introducing them to outdoor conditions.

## THREE TYPES OF ANNUALS

**Hardy plants** – (i.e. Pansy) can go out in early spring.

**Half-hardy plants** – (i.e., Petunias) need to be hardened off gradually

**Tender plants** – (i.e. Impatiens) may be planted out after all danger of frost is past. These plants should not be hardened off. You have to wait for good weather. **We will be happy to assist you in making the proper choices for your garden.**

## PERENNIALS

Perennials are the ideal plant for returning color each year. Choose a good mix of spring, summer and fall plants in a variety of heights and colors with special attention to whether they are intended for the sun or the shade.

**REMEMBER: READ THE TAG CARDS CAREFULLY FOR PLANTING AND CARE INSTRUCTIONS.**

## Early Blooming Perennials – April to May

Anchusa	Incarvillea
Iris Pumila	Arabis
Armeria	Papaver
Aubrieta	Phlox divaricata
Bellis	Phlox subulata
Bergenia	Phlox
Coreopsis	Primula
Aquilegia	Myosotis

## Early Bloomers April – May

Dianthus	Pulsatilla	Dicentra
Saponaria	Digitalis	Saxifraga
Doronicum	Trollius	Euphorbia
Vinca	Iberis	Viola

## Mid-Season Blooming Perennials June – July

Astilbe	Helanthemum	Campanula
Heliopsis	Hemerocalis	Iris
Cerastium	Heuchera	Hosta
Coreopsis	Centaurea	Liatris
Dianthus	Lupinus	Digitalis
Paeonia	Echinops	Papavera
Erigeron	Euphorbia	Saponaria
Gaillardia	Scabiosa	Geranium
Sedum	Gypsophila	Thymus
Tradescantia	Verbascum	Dephinium
Phlox		

## Late Blooming Perennials August – September

Anemone	Hemerocallis	Echinacea
Hibiscus	Lavandula	Erigeron
Echinops	Scabiosa	Chrysanthemum
Sedum	Aster	Phlox

## CHOOSING THE RIGHT TREES

The huge, two-storied houses built decades ago required giant forest trees for shade and framing; the same trees would dwarf today's modern homes. Below you will find listed some of the best trees for both old and new homes. Mature heights are indicated, along with suggested landscaping uses.

**Vase-shaped trees** grow large, with spreading branches to provide utmost shade. Use at the rear of the house to shade the deck or terrace, and to frame the background when viewed from the street.

<b>Sugar Maple</b> .....	<b>40 ft</b>
<b>White Ash</b> .....	<b>70 ft</b>

**Pyramidal-shaped trees** make excellent specimen plantings on lawns or borders. Give them plenty of room to show off their shapes, but avoid planting directly in front of a house.

<b>European Beech</b> .....	<b>60 ft</b>
<b>Ginkgo</b> .....	<b>40 ft</b>
<b>Little-leaf Linden</b> .....	<b>40 ft</b>
<b>European Ash</b> .....	<b>45 ft</b>
<b>Red Maple</b> .....	<b>35 ft</b>
<b>Red Horse Chestnut</b> .....	<b>35 ft</b>
<b>Mountain Ash</b> .....	<b>35 ft</b>

**Globe and oval-shaped trees** add a formal touch – especially to small yards – with their clipped appearance. They are low enough to plant under most utility wires, but give them enough space to reveal their shape.

## Globe and oval-shaped trees

<b>Crab Apple</b> .....	<b>20 ft+</b>
<b>Japanese Maple</b> .....	<b>20 ft</b>
<b>Norway Maple</b> .....	<b>20 ft</b>
<b>Red Maple</b> .....	<b>35 ft</b>

**Weeping trees** strike a peaceful note in a garden. Plant smaller ones on average-sized lots, since most demand lots of space. Plant to rear or side of lot for best effect.

<b>Beech</b> .....	<b>45 ft</b>
<b>Crab Apple</b> .....	<b>20 ft</b>
<b>Cut-leaf Weeping Birch</b> .....	<b>30 ft</b>
<b>European Ash</b> .....	<b>45 ft</b>
<b>Mulberry</b> .....	<b>12 ft</b>
<b>Silver Pendent Linden</b> .....	<b>60 ft</b>
<b>Swedish Cut-leaf Birch</b> .....	<b>35 ft</b>
<b>Willow</b> .....	<b>40 ft</b>

**Columnar trees** will accent your lot's foreground or fill in narrow side yards where a tall tree is needed. Use for screening on property lines.

<b>Ginkgo</b> .....	<b>40 ft</b>
<b>Lombardy Poplar</b> .....	<b>40 ft</b>
<b>Norway Maple</b> .....	<b>35 ft</b>
<b>White Birch</b> .....	<b>25 ft</b>
<b>Mountain Ash</b> .....	<b>35 ft</b>

## Shade Trees & Shrubs

Ash	Beech
Crimson King Maple	Deborah Maple
Emerald Queen Maple	English Oak
Glenleven Linden	Norway Maple
Mountain Ash	Red Maple
Red Oak	Boxwood
Pieris	Holly
Rhododendron	Euonymus

## Trees & Shrubs with Colourful Fall Foliage

Ash	Blue Beech
Ginkgo	Mountain Ash
Ornamental Pears	Red Maples
Red Oak	Scarlet Oak
Serviceberry	Amur Maple
Japanese Maple	Euonymus
Burning Bush	Smoketree
High Bush Cranberry	Goldmound Spirea
Goldflame Spirea	



## SHRUBS

Colourful and distinctive shrubs add character and beauty to your landscape. In addition to graceful beauty and privacy, shrubs offer colour and fragrance to your landscape. Long-time gardeners and horticulturists tell us that shrubs are the best gardening value for our dollar. They are most often used alone or as a gap between trees and flowers. No garden is complete without them. The lists on this page show many of the most popular shrubs, along with mature heights (usually reached in four or five years) and colour descriptions

**Rounded shrubs** with their soft and circular shapes make good-looking, informal borders. Because most of these reach a width of six feet, plant to allow for growth.

<b>Dwarf-winged euonymus</b> .5 ft.....	<b>White</b>
<b>Flowering Quince</b> .....	<b>6 ft.....Various</b>
<b>Hydrangea varieties</b> ...3 – 9 ft.....	<b>Various</b>
<b>Kerria</b> .....	<b>6 ft..... Yellow</b>
<b>Weigela (Most Varieties)</b> .5 ft.....	<b>Red</b>

**Erect types** are suitable for accent; they also can be used to form a narrow hedge because of their vertical lines.

<b>French Lilac</b> .....	<b>10 ft.....Various</b>
<b>Highbush Cranberry</b> .....	<b>12 ft.....White</b>
<b>Mock Orange</b> .....	<b>6 ft.....White</b>
<b>Red Osier Dogwood</b> .....	<b>7 ft..... White</b>

**Arching shrubs** have graceful bending branches that fit well into borders. They make ideal specimen plantings too.

<b>Arnold Honeysuckle</b> .....	<b>8 ft..... Red</b>
<b>Avalanche Mock Orange</b> .6 ft.....	<b>White</b>
<b>Beauty Bush</b> .....	<b>10 ft..... Pink</b>
<b>Vanhoutte Spirea</b> .....	<b>6 ft..... White</b>
<b>Weeping Forsythia</b> .....	<b>8 ft..... Yellow</b>

**Spreading horizontally** – these shrubs will form nice shrub borders. Use low varieties in the foreground.

<b>Japanese Quince</b> .....	<b>3 ft... Various</b>
<b>Morrow Honeysuckle</b> .....	<b>8 ft..... White</b>
<b>Rock Spray Cotoneaster</b> ..3 ft.....	<b>Pink</b>
<b>Sergeant Crab Apple</b> .....	<b>6 ft..... White</b>

**Hedge shrubs** trim well to form dense **screens** or low edgings for flower borders. Most lack blooms, but leaves and fall colour make them desirable.

<b>Alpine Currant</b> .....	<b>2 – 5 ft</b>
<b>Boxwood</b> .....	<b>1 – 10 ft</b>
<b>Japanese Barberry</b> .....	<b>2 – 6 ft</b>



**Dwarf shrubs** (Do not require any pruning to maintain shape)

Anthony Waterer Spirea	Cotoneasters
Boxwood	Daphne Spirea
Dwarf Burningbush	Dwarf Lilac
Froebel's Spirea	Goldflame Spirea
Goldmount Spirea	Little Princess
Spirea Midnight Wine	Potentillas
Dwarf Mugo Pine	Variegated Kerria
Variegated Weigela	Minuet Weigela

### GARDENING TIPS

#### ZONING

- The rule of thumb: The smaller the number, the colder the zone and the shorter the growing season. The letter "b" indicates that part of the zone is milder.
- **Our zone is 5 and 5(b).**
- **Generally, if you buy nursery stock locally, it will be hardy for your zone.**

#### FERTILIZERS – "The Numbers Game"

You've probably seen plant food containers with numbers like 5-10-5 or 20-20-20 or 15-30-15 on the labels. Here's what they mean:

Fertilizers are mixed with the three major nutrients that plants need to thrive.

- **Nitrogen** – for lush green foliage growth;
- **Phosphorus** - for flower production, colour and root development;
- **Potassium (or Potash)** – for healthy, disease-resistant growth.

The nutrients are always listed in the above order.

**Liquids and soluble granulated foods** have one advantage over solids. They dissolve quickly in water and are immediately taken up by a plant's feeder roots.

**Finally, the question of "How much to feed?" Read the label carefully and "NEVER ADD MORE"; if anything, "USE LESS" to be on the safe side.**

### MAKE YOUR OWN SOIL

A good, simple formula follows:

- 3 parts Peat Moss
- 2 parts Soil (Loam)
- 1 part Sand (Builder's) or Perlite

**ADD:** A small scoop of Lime to a wheelbarrow of the above mixture.

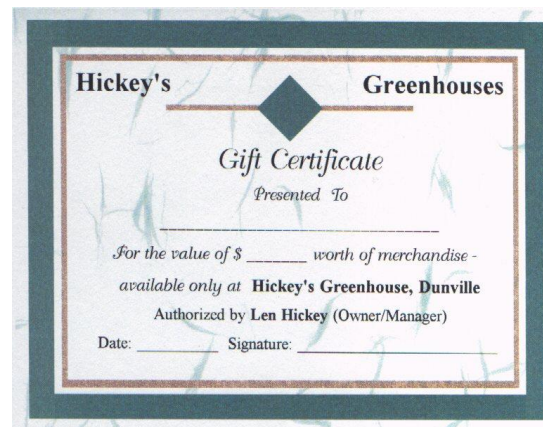
**MIX WELL!**

### NATURE'S TRAFFIC SIGNALS CAN HELP YOU WITH YOUR GARDEN.

It is worth your while to pay attention to nature's timing:

1. Prune roses when forsythia blooms in early spring, just as the yellow forsythia appears.
2. Spray fruit trees and roses when the first daffodil leaves poke through the soil.
3. Fertilize bleeding hearts, peonies and other hardy perennials with a light sprinkling of 6-12-12 when first buds show through the ground.
4. Spray broadleaf weeds when dandelions flower.  
NOTE: (Broadleaf weed killers will not be as effective during early spring because temperatures are too low.)
5. Plant tulip bulbs at the peak of fall colour.
6. Stop fertilizing perennials and roses in the fall when Peegee hydrangeas bloom.

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