Get the most from your plants, in-ground or in containers

PLANTS THAT WORK

A common question I get from pro landscapers is, “What are the best plants for combinations that are attractive, dependable and long lasting?” And, most importantly, that will make their customers happy?

We are here to help guide you in your selection process. In this brochure, we highlight proven plant performers with landscape staying power! These are plants you’ll find available at your main “go-to” grower.

To find a supplier near you, use the Find a Supplier tool at BallLandscape.com. You can also find thousands of photos, free client presentations, and helpful tips and advice for your best season yet.

Check out our Thrive e-newsletter and blog on the website for more ideas on what works best in landscapes!

Jeff Gibson
Landscape Business Manager

Top tips for landscape planting success

Plant “fresh”
• Work on a plan with your grower for realistic timing on pre-season delivery
• Note that root bound plants suffer more transplant shock (depending on the species)

Know your soil – pH & Salts
• Strive for greater air porosity – you’ll want more air than water!
• Organic matter increases air porosity
• Soil pH, or how tight nutrients hold to soil (pH “range”)
  • Less than 6.0 = Nutrients leached = Small leaves, marginal chlorosis
  • Greater than 7.5 = Nutrients bound tight = Young leaf chlorosis, stunting
• Low EC: Causes small, weak plants
• High EC: Causes marginal necrosis (brown edges) and stuntled plants

Watering – 50% of landscape water is wasted
• More plants die due to overwatering than to under watering
• Reduce water as plants fill in the beds
• When leaves touch, they’ve had enough!

Fertilization – 3 elements to promote plant health and growth
• N (nitrogen): “Gas” to grow
• P (phosphorus): Stem stretch, roots and flowering
• K (potassium): “Tone”, how rigid the plant is

Plant for success – Avoid soil compaction!
• Small beds
  • Cultivate the soil before planting
  • When possible, work from perimeter – stay out of the bed
• Large beds
  • Cultivate from the center out and plant as you go. cultivate the edge and plant as you go or work from one side to the other
  • Moisture content of plant tray soil should match the moisture content of the destination bed soil

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COOL-SEASON COLOR THAT WORKS

These proven performers offer bright and cheery color for your cool-season installations. Use the alternate varieties to change up the look while keeping the same combo recipe.

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SUN COLOR THAT WORKS

This assortment of durable, easy-care varieties offers diversity in habits, colors and flower forms. Combine the bold patterns and unique shapes of the foliage options with the striking colorful flowering plants to create a perfect balance in landscapes and containers.

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SHADE COLOR THAT WORKS

Don’t let shade limit your wow factor! These best-in-class performers offer bold, bright color from both foliage and blooming varieties.

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PERENNIAL COLOR THAT WORKS

We know you are devoting more bed space to perennials, and this great assortment offers both vibrant flowering varieties and great-looking companion foliage plants for the biggest visual impact possible.

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