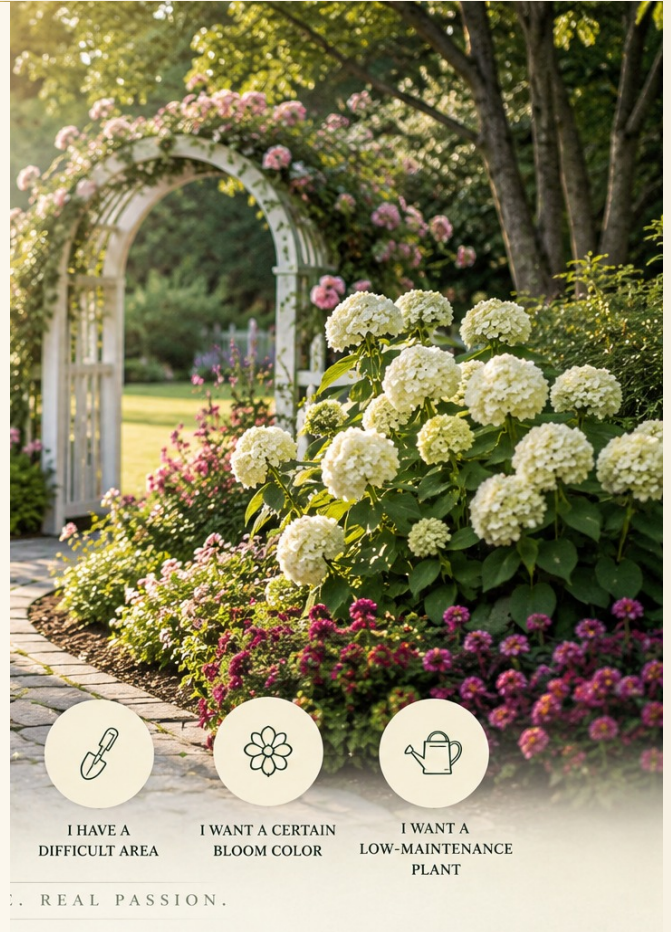


I Need Something Small

Compact Plants for Southern Yards

Beautiful choices for foundations, walkways, patios, mailboxes, and smaller flower beds.



Small Plants Still Need the Right Amount of Room

Compact plants are easier to fit into tight spaces, but the mature size still matters. A shrub that looks tiny in a nursery pot may eventually spread several feet. Use this guide to find smaller choices from Bobby & Lynn's Plant Farm and place them where they can grow without covering windows, crowding walkways, or taking over the bed.

A small-space plant works well near:

- Foundation windows and porch edges
- Walkways, patios, and garden borders
- Mailboxes and compact flower beds
- Places where a large shrub would block the view

Compact Plants From Our Nursery

Compare sunlight, mature size, bloom season, and the space you have available.

Compact Hydrangeas

Smaller hydrangeas can bring big flowers without the size of older landscape varieties.

- Bobo Hydrangea
- Fire Light Tidbit Hydrangea
- Little Lime Hydrangea
- Summer Crush Hydrangea
- Sweet Starlight Hydrangea
- Limelight Prime Hydrangea

Small Flowering Shrubs

Check mature width carefully before planting beside a path, window, or porch.

- Miss Molly Butterfly Bush
- Java Red Weigela
- Pink Lemonade Blueberry
- Dappled Willow
- Ruby Slippers Oakleaf
- Little Limelight Hydrangea

Perennials and Borders

Useful for filling smaller beds, edging larger shrubs, and adding seasonal color.

- Hosta
- Purple Coneflower
- Black-eyed Susan
- Bee Balm
- Blazing Star

Best for Containers or Tight Beds

Containers need dependable drainage and more frequent watering during Southern summers.

- Summer Crush Hydrangea
- Fire Light Tidbit Hydrangea
- Bobo Hydrangea
- Hosta
- Pink Lemonade Blueberry

Do not plant by the pot size

Always plan around the mature height and width. Leave enough room for air movement and for the plant to keep its natural shape without constant pruning.

Choose by Where the Plant Will Go

The planting location often tells you which compact plant will work best.

Near Windows

Choose plants that stay below the windowsill at mature size.

- Bobo Hydrangea
- Fire Light Tidbit Hydrangea
- Summer Crush Hydrangea
- Sweet Starlight Hydrangea
- Hosta

Beside Walkways

Leave enough room so leaves and branches do not spill across the path.

- Hosta
- Black-eyed Susan
- Purple Coneflower
- Blazing Star
- Pink Lemonade Blueberry

Around a Mailbox

Use plants that can handle the light and reflected heat at the roadside.

- Bobo Hydrangea
- Purple Coneflower
- Black-eyed Susan
- Bee Balm
- Little Lime Hydrangea

For a Small Pollinator Bed

Mix bloom times so bees and butterflies have flowers for more of the season.

- Bee Balm
- Purple Coneflower
- Black-eyed Susan
- Blazing Star
- Miss Molly Butterfly Bush

Helpful reminder

Compact does not always mean slow-growing or maintenance-free. Match the plant to the sunlight, soil, and watering conditions before making your final choice.

Before You Plant Something Small

A few measurements can keep a compact bed from becoming crowded later.

1

Measure the available width

Measure from the wall, walkway, or neighboring plant. Use the mature width listed for the plant.

2

Check the mature height

For foundation beds, compare the plant height with the bottom of the window or porch railing.

3

Match the sunlight

Some compact hydrangeas prefer morning sun and afternoon shade, while others tolerate more direct sun.

4

Leave breathing room

Do not pack plants tightly just because they are small today. Good spacing improves airflow and reduces disease problems.

5

Plan for seasonal care

Know when the plant should be pruned and how often it will need water during hot, dry weather.

Still deciding? Search the Plant Directory at ourplantfarm.com

Contact Bobby & Lynn's Plant Farm for current availability.