

Bobby & Lynn's Plant Farm

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MEASURE YOUR PLANTING AREA

A simple worksheet for choosing plants that will fit now and at maturity

Measure before you shop. Knowing the available width, depth, height, sunlight, and nearby obstacles will help you avoid buying a plant that quickly outgrows its space.

1. IDENTIFY THE SPACE

Location: _____

What is planted there now? _____

Main goal for this area: _____

- Foundation planting
- Privacy or screening
- Color and flowers
- Pollinator habitat
- Border or focal point
- Other: _____

2. TAKE THE BASIC MEASUREMENTS

Measurement	Your Number	Helpful Reminder
Available width	_____ ft.	Measure side to side.
Available depth	_____ ft.	Measure out from the wall, fence, or bed edge.
Maximum plant height	_____ ft.	Account for windows, eaves, and views.
Distance from structures	_____ ft.	Include house, walkway, driveway, and utilities.

3. CHECK SUNLIGHT

- Full Sun - about 6 or more hours of direct sun
- Part Sun - about 4 to 6 hours of direct sun
- Part Shade - about 2 to 4 hours of direct sun
- Mostly Shade - little direct sun

Morning sun hours: _____

Afternoon sun hours: _____

Notes about reflected heat or nearby shade: _____

QUICK SKETCH OF THE AREA

Mark the house, walkway, windows, downspouts, existing plants, and your measurements.

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4. NOTE OBSTACLES AND CONDITIONS

- Window or low roofline
- Walkway, driveway, or patio
- Fence or property line
- Air-conditioning unit
- Downspout or drainage path
- Underground utilities
- Overhead wires
- Large tree roots
- Pets, children, or regular foot traffic

Other obstacle: _____

5. SOIL AND WATER

- Soil drains quickly
- Soil stays evenly moist
- Water stands after heavy rain
- Area dries out quickly
- Clay soil
- Sandy or loose soil
- Raised bed or amended soil

Nearest water source: _____

Notes after rainfall: _____

6. DETERMINE THE RIGHT MATURE SIZE

Maximum mature width	_____
Maximum mature height	_____
Preferred plant size at purchase	_____
Number of plants needed	_____
Desired spacing between plants	_____

7. PLANT SHOPPING NOTES

Plant / Variety	Qty.	Mature Size	Sun Needs	Notes / Price