

Bobby & Lynn's Plant Farm

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QUESTIONS TO ASK AT THE NURSERY

A practical checklist to help you choose healthy plants that fit your yard

Bring this checklist with photos and measurements of your planting space. Write down the answers so you can compare plants before making a final decision.

1. WILL THIS PLANT FIT MY YARD?

- What are this plant's mature height and width?
- How quickly does it grow under normal conditions?
- How far should it be planted from the house, walkway, fence, or other plants?
- Will it stay naturally compact, or will it need regular pruning?
- Is there a smaller variety that would fit this space better?

2. WILL IT HANDLE MY GROWING CONDITIONS?

- How much direct sun does it need in a hot Southern yard?
- Will it tolerate afternoon sun, heat, humidity, or reflected heat from pavement?
- What type of soil and drainage does it prefer?
- Will it tolerate Georgia clay, or should the soil be amended?
- Is it suitable for my USDA hardiness zone?

3. WHAT CARE WILL IT NEED?

- How often should it be watered during the first growing season?
- When and how should it be fertilized?
- Does it bloom on old wood or new wood?
- When should it be pruned, and how much pruning can it handle?
- Is it considered easy care, or does it need regular attention?

MY SPACE AT A GLANCE

Space Size	_____ ft. x _____ ft.	Sun Exposure	_____
Soil / Drainage	_____	Deer Pressure	Low / Medium / High
Maximum Size	_____ ft. tall / wide	Budget	\$ _____

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4. IS THIS A HEALTHY PLANT?

- Are the leaves, stems, and roots showing any signs of insects or disease?
- May I carefully check whether the roots are tightly circling the container?
- Has this plant recently been repotted, treated, or moved from a greenhouse?
- Are a few damaged leaves normal, or could they indicate a larger problem?
- What should healthy new growth look like on this plant?

5. WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT AFTER PLANTING?

- Is temporary wilting or leaf drop common after planting?
- When should I expect the plant to bloom or produce new growth?
- What is the most common mistake people make with this plant?
- Does it need mulch, staking, winter protection, or extra summer watering?
- Is it deer resistant, pollinator friendly, or toxic to pets?

6. BEFORE I BUY

- Is this the correct variety shown on the plant tag?
- Does the nursery offer a plant guarantee or return policy?
- Do you have a fresher, fuller, or better-branched specimen available?
- Are there companion plants with similar sunlight and watering needs?
- What supplies will I truly need for planting and first-year care?

PLANT COMPARISON NOTES

Plant / Variety	Mature Size	Sun Needs	Care Level	Price / Notes

SMART SHOPPING REMINDER: A healthy plant that fits your yard's conditions is usually a better purchase than the largest or prettiest plant on the table.