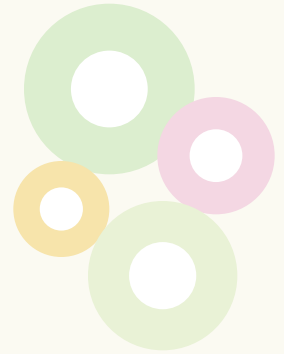


Measure Your Planting Area

A mobile-friendly fillable guide for planning before you buy plants.



Phone Tip

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Why Measure First

Measuring your planting area helps you choose plants that will actually fit. It also helps prevent overcrowding near walkways, porches, windows, and driveways. A few quick notes now can save time, money, and replanting later.

Quick Project Notes

Date

Area or bed name

Main goal for this space

What plants are you considering?

What to Measure

Use this page while walking the yard or looking over the planting area.

Measure These First

Bed length	Measure end to end.
Bed width	Measure the widest point.
Distance from house or fence	Leave room for mature growth and airflow.
Distance from walkway or driveway	Make sure plants will not crowd the space.
Sun and shade	Note morning sun, afternoon sun, or shade.
Existing features	Include trees, downspouts, AC units, meters, and obstacles.

Tools You May Need

- ☐ Tape measure
- ☐ Photos of the area
- ☐ Notebook or phone
- ☐ Stakes or markers
- ☐ Pencil
- ☐ Simple sketch

Sun Check

Watch the area at different times of day. Morning sun, afternoon sun, and full shade can make a big difference in what plants will grow well.

My Planting Area

Area / bed name

What is already planted there?

Biggest concern or question

Notes

Planting Area Worksheet

Fill in your measurements and notes for each planting space.

Measure Each Area

Area / Bed	Length	Width	Sun / Shade	Notes

Reminder

Use mature plant size, not the size of the plant at the nursery, when deciding how many plants will fit.

Space and Site Notes

Use this page to think through spacing, sun, water, and nearby structures.

Site Details

Distance from house, fence, or wall

Distance from walkway or driveway

Nearby downspouts, utilities, AC units, or obstacles

Water source nearby?

Sun Exposure

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Full sun

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Part shade

☐

Morning sun

☐

Mostly shade

☐

Afternoon sun

Soil and Drainage

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Dry

☐

Clay

☐

Average

☐

Sandy

☐

Stays wet

Notes About the Space

Use this page for layout ideas and questions to ask before buying plants.

Print this page to sketch by hand, or type layout notes below.

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What is the mature size?

How often should I water it?

How much sun does it need?

When should it be pruned?
