

Gardening in Spring

Patuxent
Nursery
Spring
2022

*The American Garden
Renaissance*

WELCOMING A
NEW GENERATION OF GROWERS

**Native Plant
Alternatives for
Landscaping**

*Our Seven Best
Multi-Season Trees!*

Handy Spring
Garden Checklist

**3 FREE
Garden
Designs!**

National Garden Bureau's
2022 Plants of the Year





One of my favorite garden quotes comes from the poet Minnie Aumonier: "When the world wearies and society fails to satisfy, there is always the garden." I cannot think of a better way to encompass the veritable boom in the garden industry since Covid19 sent us home to quarantine.

Our routines drastically changed overnight. We needed something to do, we needed to fill our idle hands while everything else was upside down, we needed focus. The fulfillment and stimulus we were used to receiving from society was suddenly gone. And where did an entire generation of young professionals turn?

To homes, to yards, to gardens. To places that hadn't crossed our minds since our memories of watering plants and picking tomatoes with our grandparents. To places that we've been too busy to cultivate since the economy came crashing down around our feet 15 years ago, when we first entered the workforce and realized that nothing is guaranteed.

But there is always the garden. And now we can see it, grow it, feel it. We're thriving from the infinite benefits of having soil under our nails. Many of us have felt the soothing flow of time that takes place between sowing and weeding. There is joy and fulfillment seeing our own flowers in our vases, our own cuttings taking root, and our own vegetables on our plates.

I genuinely hope this renaissance in gardening is here to stay. The data currently shows that the trend isn't over yet: there is loads of scientific research surrounding the wholesome benefits of plants and gardens. Those studies are now supported by widespread anecdotal evidence that yes, these hoyas and broccoli and coneflowers really do make us feel better!

What kinds of growers make up this new wave in our industry? We're seeing three major values emerging: sustainability, responsibility, and accessibility.

History points to the American victory garden as a major influence. While many European countries have enjoyed generations of cottage gardens, lavender fields and tulip farms, in America our traditions are rooted in homesteading - growing our own food in order to relieve the pressures of our own economy from our wallets and our minds. Both are beautiful and both are great ways to garden.

This history in sustainable living is only part of the new trends in gardening. Our desire to help save the plant and preserve our environment is leading the way to new interests in native plant replacements. "Pollinator gardens" is a trending term and we are here for it!

So many more people want plants but don't have a square of earth. This is where the huge boom in houseplants is coming from. Thankfully, the choices available in fun and new houseplants is much more varied than in generations past. Gardening is more accessible than ever!

To our newfound grower community: welcome! We are so excited to share our love for gardening with you. Let's go dig in some soil.

*~ Sincerely,
Patuxent Nursery*



EASTERN REDBUD TREE (CERCIS CANADENSIS)



SERVICEBERRY TREE (GENUS AMELANCHIER)



DOGWOOD TREE (CORNUS FLORIDA)



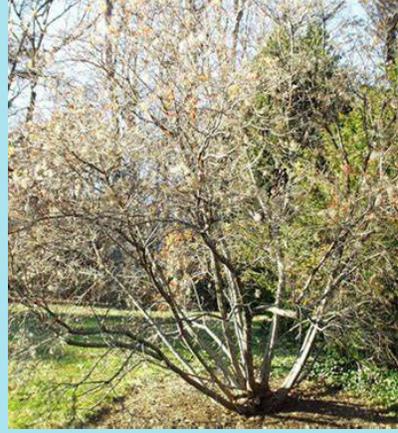
SPRING BLOOMS, SUMMER SHADE

Trees for Every Season

FALL COLOR, WINTER INTEREST



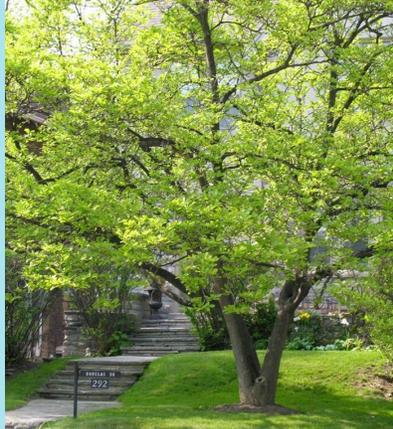
SMOKE BUSH / SMOKE TREE (COTINUS COGGYGRIA)



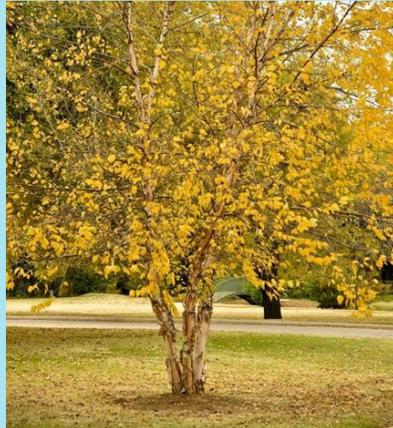
CRAPE MYRTLE TREE (LAGERSTROEMIA INDICA)



SPRING MAGNOLIA TREE (MAGNOLIA X SOULANGEANA, LILLIFLORA)



RIVER BIRCH TREE (BETULA NIGRA)





MY LAWN & GARDEN SPRING PLANTING



checklist



■ Clean-Up After Winter (just before early spring bloomers break dormancy)

- Mark Calendar to Track When Last Frost is Expected in Your Area
- Clean Out Fallen Branches, Leaves & Debris from Garden Beds (*move leaves as late as possible!*)
- Cut Ornamental Grasses & Prune Dead / Broken Branches
- Prune Trees & Shrubs that Bloom in Summer / Fall
- Test Your Soil
- Bring Your Tools Out of Storage, Clean & Treat with Linseed Oil
- Water Young Trees & Shrubs On Warm Days When Ground Thaws (1 - 2x per month)

■ Early Spring 3 - 6 Weeks Before Last Frost is Past

- Tidy Your Garden Bed Edging / Remove Lawn Over Newly Planned Garden Beds
- Replenish Topsoil & Mix In Any Soil Amendments Needed
- Plant New Trees & Shrubs Once You Can Dig
 - The Sooner The Better. Mulch to Insulate Against Freeze / Thaw Cycles
- Start Seeds Indoors - Start 4 - 12 weeks before the last frost, depending on the seed.
- Replenish Mulch - Leave Room for Emerging Perennials & Tree / Shrub Trunks
- Plant Cold Weather Annuals & Perennials (Pansies, Hellebore, Dianthus, etc)

■ Mid Spring 0 - 3 Weeks Before Last Frost is Past

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- Plant Almost Any Tree, Shrub, or Perennial
 - Gently Cover Any Tender Plants If Exposed to Freezing Temps Below 30*
 - Pull Weeds Early - Prevention is Easier Than Removal Later
 - Apply Compost Topdressing & Weed Prevention Over Lawn. Spread Seed Over Any Bare Areas
 - Build & Prep Any Raised Garden Beds for Vegetables
 - Start Hardening Indoor Seedlings Off Slowly
 - Water 1 - 2x Per Week Any Newly Planted Trees, Shrubs, Perennials, or Annuals



■ Late Spring Once Risk Of Frost Is Past

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- Plant Annuals!
 - Sow Vegetable Seeds Directly (Carrots, Cilantro, Etc)
 - Start Fertilizing Routines - Timing & Type Vary Depending on Each Plants' Needs
 - Bring Indoor Tropicals Outside Once Temps Stay Above 55°F Throughout the Night
 - Start Watering Plants That Need Extra Water On Hot Days Once Temps Reach 80*
 - Start Watering Lawn On Hot Days, & Spray Weed Killer On Any Established Weeds
 - Prune Any Early Spring Bloomers That Are Finished Blooming.
 - Enjoy Maintaining Your Beautiful Garden!

INTRODUCING PATUXENT NURSERY'S

CARE GUIDES



BE IN THE KNOW!

If you see a QR code on a plant tag around our nursery, that means you can scan it with the camera on your phone and bring home valuable care information for that family of plants.

From veggies to holly trees, flowering shrubs to native groundcovers, you can have tons of valuable information ready on demand, at home, for free!

Download and reference these guides for water, light, soil, and fertilizer needs, as well as and valuable advice and botanical information meant to make your gardening that much easier.

Native Plants Get The Job Done!



These lesser-known native plants can replace your tried-&-true landscaping staples. They last longer, need less maintenance and help feed local pollinators.

These will be *lifesavers*, trust us!
(visit <https://extension.umd.edu/> for more)

GROUND COVERS

- **SUN:** Creeping Phlox, Achillea (Yarrow), Sisyrinchium (Blue-Eyed Grass), Parthenocissus quinquefolia (Virginia creeper)
- **SHADE:** Pachysandra, Allegheny Native Ginger, Chrysogonum virginianum (Green-and-gold), Woodland Phlox



FLOWERING PERENNIALS

- **SUN:** Echinacea (Coneflower), Eupatorium (Joe-Pye Weed), Rudbeckia (Black-Eyed Susan), Monarda (Bee Balm), Coreopsis (Tickseed), Asclepias (Butterfly Weed), Blue Hyssop, Hardy Ageratum (Blue Mistflower), Penstemon (Beardtongue), Solidago (Goldenrod), Achillea (Yarrow), Amsonia (Bluestars)
- **SHADE:** Crested Iris, Woodland Iris, Bleeding Hearts, Columbine, Lobelia Cardinalis, Chelone glabra (white Turtlehead), Virginia Bluebells, Packera aurea (Golden Ragwort)



SPECIMEN ORNAMENTALS

- **TREES:** Chionanthus (Fringe Trees), Sugar Maples, Eastern Redbud, American Holly (Ilex Opaca), Cornus Florida (Flowering Dogwood), Red Cedar Juniper, Magnolia virginiana (Sweetbay Magnolia), American Witch Hazel (Hamamelis)
- **SHRUBS:** Hydrangea quercifolia (Oakleaf Hydrangea), Fothergilla (Bottlebrush), Lindera Benzoin (Spicebush), Cephalanthus occidentalis (Buttonbush), Itea virginica (Virginia Sweetspire), Clethra alnifolia (Sweet Pepperbush), Sambucus canadensis (Elderberry)

GRASSES & FILLER FOLIAGE

- **SUN:** Schizachyrium scoparium (Little Bluestem), Andropogon gerardii (Big Bluestem), Sorghastrum nutans (Indiangrass), Andropogon virginicus (Broom Sedge), Panicum (Switchgrass), Sporobolus (Prairie Dropseed)
- **PARTIAL SHADE:** Heuchera (Coral Bells), Tiarella (Foamflower), Carex (Sedge), Ostrich Fern, Lady Fern, Maidenhair Fern

HEDGES & FOUNDATIONS

- **EVERGREEN:** Ilex Gabra (Inkberry), Bayberry (Myrica pensylvanica), Kalmia (Mountain Laurel)
- **DECIDUOUS:** Viburnum, Euonymus americanus (Strawberry bush), Hydrangea quercifolia (Oakleaf Hydrangea), Aronia (Chokeberry), Itea virginica (Virginia Sweetspire), Clethra alnifolia (Sweet Pepperbush)
- **VINING:** Carolina Jessamine, Clematis virginiana, Lonicera sempivirens (Honeysuckle), Bignonia capreolata (Crossvine)

A Note About Cultivars:

Many of these native plants are available in new cultivars from growers. While cultivars of natives are still significantly better than non-native or invasive species, they did not benefit from co-evolving with our ecosystem. Some cultivars can be a good choice, but the original native varieties will always make a bigger impact!

PERENNIAL:

Phlox

(Versatile,
Blooms Spring &
Summer)



INDOOR:

Peperomia

(Low Light, Pet
Friendly)



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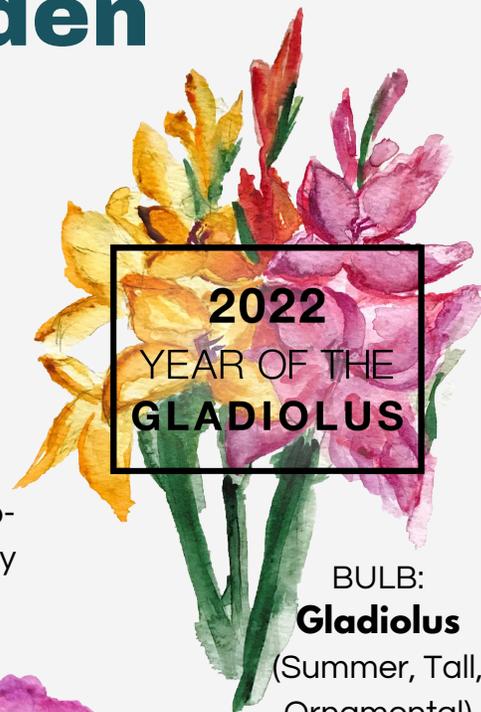


EDIBLE:

Salad Greens

(Cool Weather Crops,
Spring & Fall)

Each year the National Garden Bureau selects one annual, one perennial, one bulb crop, one edible, and one shrub as "Year of the" crops. Plants are chosen because they are popular, easy-to-grow, widely adaptable, genetically diverse, and versatile.



BULB:

Gladiolus

(Summer, Tall,
Ornamental)



SHRUB:

Lilac

(Spring, Tall
Ornamental)



ANNUAL:

Verbena

(Blooms Late Spring
Through Summer, Full Sun,
Container Friendly)

GARDEN DESIGNS

NEW WAYS TO KICK START YOUR CREATIVITY!

#001: Large Shady Corner

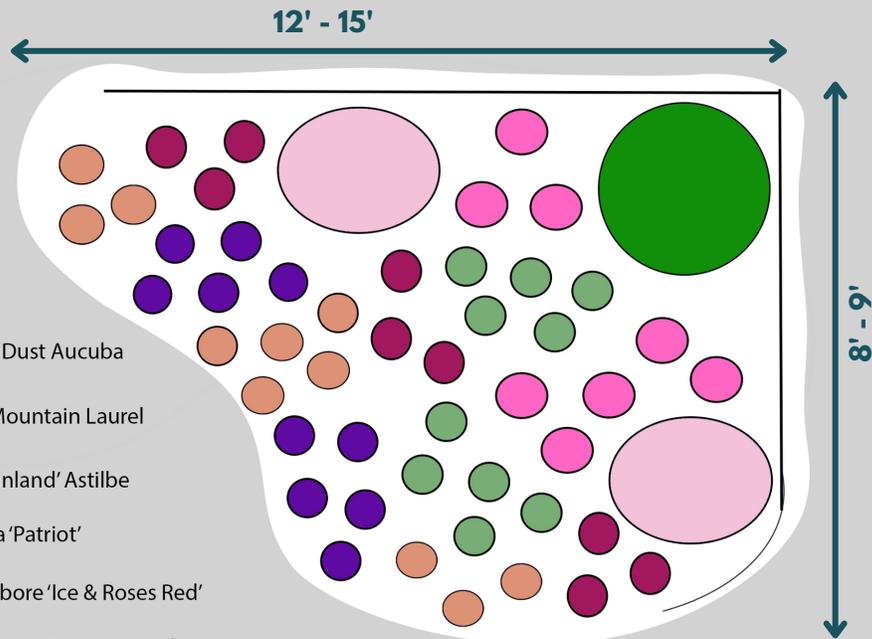
Have a corner of your yard that needs a pick-me-up? Here are some bright and beautiful plants that can add lots of color and texture to areas with partial shade or full shade. Try this garden on for size and bring that hidden corner to life all year long!

Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or choose alternate plants with similar care needs and sizes. Not sure if you need to make a substitute? Ask a sales rep and they can recommend any changes that will make this style perfect for your needs.



**note: flowers will not all bloom at once as pictured, they bloom in different seasons*

- 1x . Gold Dust Aucuba
- 2x . Dwarf Mountain Laurel 'Elf'
- 8x . Rheinland Astilbe
- 10x. Hosta 'Patriot'
- 11x. Georgia Peach Coral Bells
- 10x. Ajuga 'Black Scallop'
- 9x . 'Ice & Roses Red' Lenten Rose



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- 'Rheinland' Astilbe
- Hosta 'Patriot'
- Hellebore 'Ice & Roses Red'
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- Ajuga 'Black Scallop'

GARDEN DESIGNS

NEW WAYS TO KICK START YOUR CREATIVITY!

#002: Large Full Sun Pollinator Garden

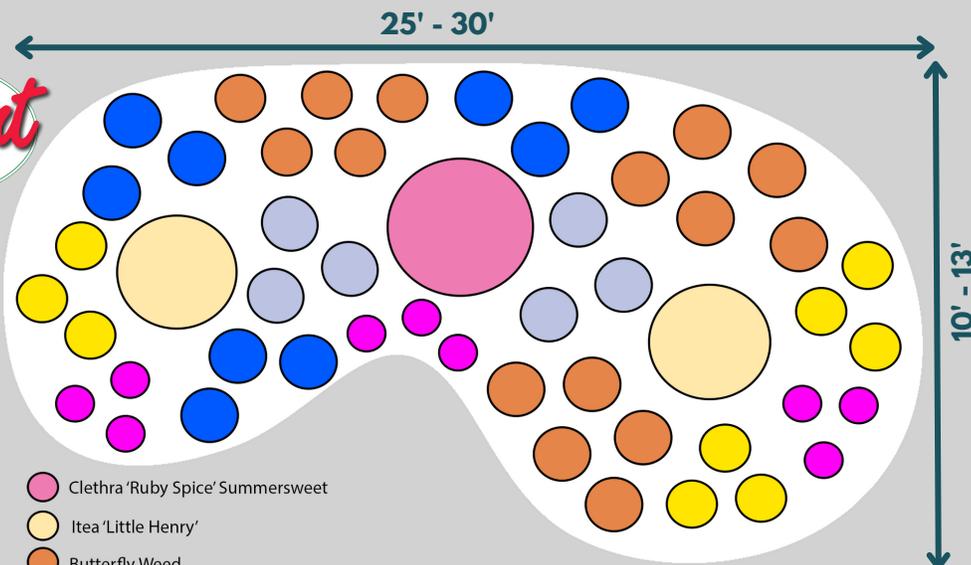
Have an open area in your yard or garden that could be put to better use? Feed your local birds, bees and butterflies with this full-sun, pollinator-friendly garden! This shape can be placed in any open area that receives at least 8 hours of direct sun a day. In this configuration, the tallest plants are in the center and shorter varieties are on all sides, making it perfectly attractive from every angle! The bright colors are key for attracting pollinators, they like bright and bold flowers.

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- 1x . Clethra 'Ruby Spice' Summersweet
- 2x . Itea 'Little Henry'
- 15x . Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)
- 6x . Standing Ovation Little Bluestem
- 9x . Black-Eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia goldstrum*)
- 9x . Liatris spicata
- 9x . Dwarf Monarda 'Balmy Rose'



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- Liatris spicata 'Blue'
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Large Full Sun Pollinator

GARDEN DESIGNS

NEW WAYS TO KICK START YOUR CREATIVITY!

#003A: Full Sun House Corner

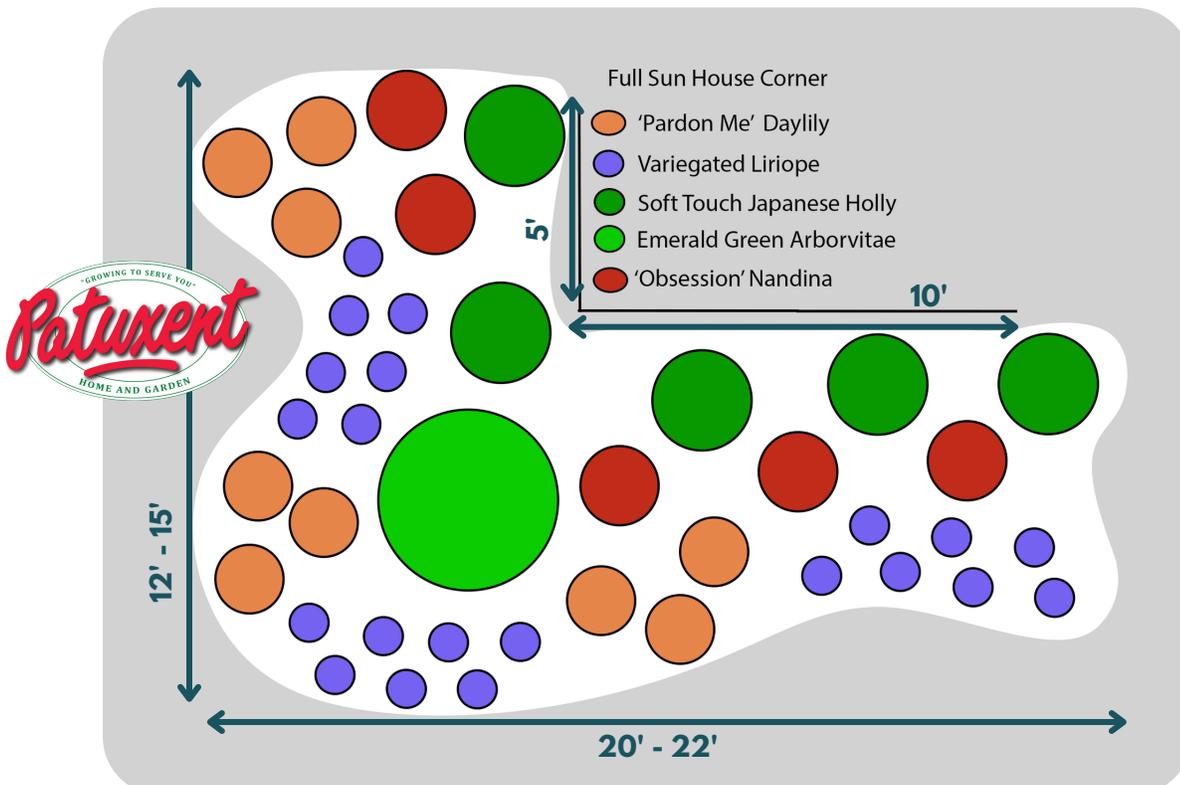
Have an exposed corner that needs a softer touch? Help the facade of your home blend in with its surroundings with this easy-care, no-fuss combination of plants. These trees, shrubs, and perennials love lots of light, making this combination perfect for a southwest corner or any other corner area that gets more than 8 hours of sun a day. The evergreen foliage and reblooming flowers mean your home will enjoy a consistent look without much effort on your part.

Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or choose alternate plants with similar care needs and sizes. Not sure if you need to make a substitute? Ask a sales rep and they can recommend any changes that will make this style perfect for your needs.



- 1x . Emerald Green Arborvitae
- 5x . Soft Touch Japanese Holly
- 5x . 'Obsession' Nandina
- 9x . 'Pardon Me' Daylily
- 21x . Variegated Liriope

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#003B: Partial Sun House Corner

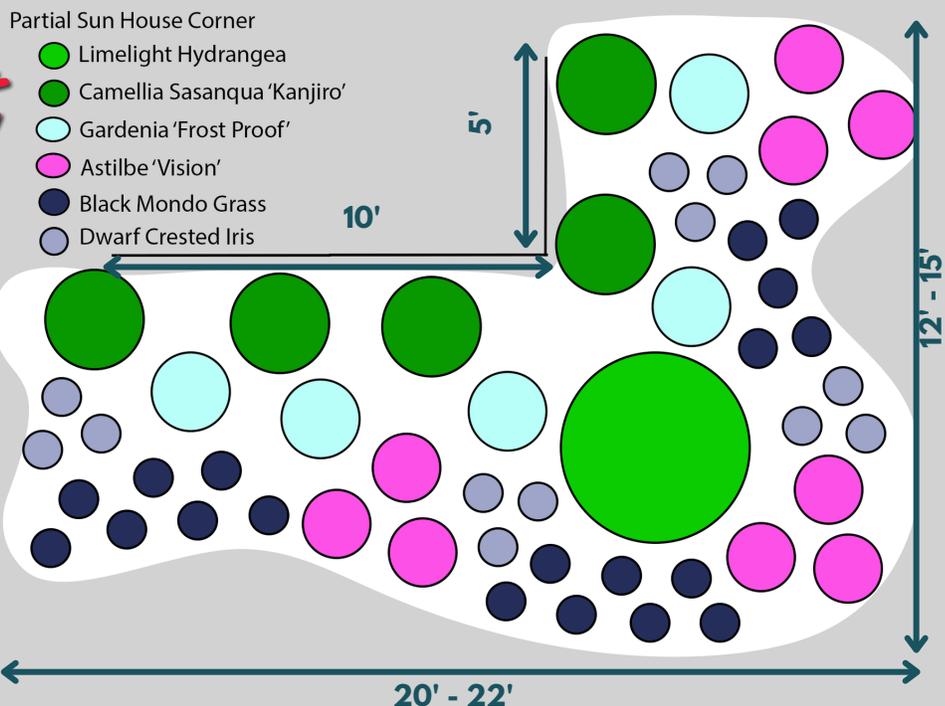
Have an exposed corner that needs a softer touch? Help the facade of your home blend in with its surroundings with these attractive, easy-care plants. These shrubs and perennials will benefit from the shade your house provides throughout the day, making these an ideal choice for a northeast corner, or any corner that receives about 6 hours of direct sun a day.

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- 1x . Limelight Panicle Hydrangea
- 5x . Camellia sasquana 'Kanjiro'
- 5x . 'Frostproof' Gardenia
- 9x . Astilbe 'Visions'
- 12x . Dwarf Crested Iris (*Iris cristata*)
- 19x . Black Mondo Grass





TO OUR PATUXENT GARDEN CENTER COMMUNITY,

Thank you!

For 26 years we've been gardening and growing with you. All of your feedback, support, suggestions, and recommendations mean everything. It's been a wild ride and we're looking forward to an amazing Spring 2022.

Thank You!

Stay connected with us through social media, our weekly email, blogs, and Facebook community groups! (We even started a Tik Tok, although we're still trying to figure that one out!)

