

Flowers: 3 Ideas to Maximize the “POP!” in your Landscaping.

With proper selection, placement and maintenance; annual flowers, flowering plants and trees can provide years of sustained color and curb appeal for your property.

Annual Flowers

The most important factor in choosing the right annual is seasonal temperature. Cold hardy annual flowers like Petunias, Geraniums and Begonias will tolerate cooler Winter temperatures. In the hot Summer months, annual flowers like Vinca, Pentas and Marigolds will be more likely to thrive here in Southwest Florida. Sun light and water requirements vary depending upon the flower, but all annuals should be fertilized. A slow release fertilizer like Osmocote, can continually feed annual flowers for 3—6 months. Adding liquid fertilizer like Peters' 20-20-20 every other week will result in more vibrant blooms and healthy flowers.



Flowering Plants and Shrubs

There are a variety of flowering plants and shrubs available. One growing in popularity is the Crown of Thorns. A tropical plant originating from Madagascar, the Crown of Thorns has been cultivated over the years to withstand cooler temperatures in addition to extremely warm temperatures that we experience in Southwest Florida. Crown of Thorns range in height from 1 to 3 feet and require plenty of sun light and well drained soil. There are over 2,000 species of Crown of Thorns including the popular Poinsettia. The colorful flowers range from red, pink, salmon, yellow and white. They are also mixed color combinations available. All varieties will flower during the growing season (Spring to Fall) while some varieties flower all year long. The durability and color of these plants results in many property owners using these plants in place of annual flowers.



Flowering Trees

Among the various flowering trees is the Geiger tree. This South American tree has been grown successfully from the Florida Keys North to Tampa. Originally named the Cordia tree, it was renamed the Geiger tree after Captain Geiger who used this tree to landscape his home in Key West. The Geiger tree can reach heights of 25 feet, but can also be kept smaller in size for use in above ground planters or containers. The flowers on the Geiger are either orange, yellow or white with a gold center. These flowers attract butterflies and birds. The colorful Flowers of the Geiger tree will also impress your neighbors.



For assistance in choosing and caring for the right annual, flowering plant or tree, please consult with your Account Manger with Estate Landscaping.

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