

Perennial means enduring...

Annuals live and die in one season and must be replanted each year. Plants that die down, endure the winter, but grow back bigger than ever when the spring comes, are perennials. Perennials can be planted at any time throughout the growing season, until 2-3 weeks before the ground freezes. If you buy established perennials and plant them early, it's a pretty safe bet you'll get blooms in your garden before winter. Buying established plants is the fastest way to produce beautiful results in your garden. Plant perennials once and enjoy their beauty year after year. Perennials come in all shapes and sizes. Become acquainted with fail-safe heirloom perennials, or the hottest new gorgeous plant. Learning about design basics can provide you with a lifetime of gardening joy.

Learning to use the diverse colors and textures of perennials is an endless joy. After all, isn't it the pure pleasure of watching your garden bloom and thrive throughout the spring, summer and fall that sparks your interest in the first place? Picking perennials that will thrive in your garden depends on a few things: the climate in your region; the amount of sun that reaches the planting area; the different bloom times of the perennials you choose; the flower colors you like best; the mature height and width of each plant; and the condition of the perennial at your reputable garden center.

Many perennials are grown for their foliage shape and texture as well as their beautiful blooms. They offer dramatic visual contrasts or harmonies in addition to flower colors. The ways to enhance your landscape becomes endless. As your perennial knowledge and experience increases, your landscape will increase in value as well as long-term beauty. You will soon discover the true beauty and many varieties of perennials that are available

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For most of us, our daily lives have become a complex balancing act between family, work, recreation and maintaining our homes. Although we would probably like to be involved in activities that will improve our own well being and that of the world around us, finding a way to fit such projects into our schedules seems a daunting task. But is it? Right in our back yards - front yards - and decks - we can do something that is fun, healthy, good for the environment and adds beauty to our surroundings as well. Design your garden based on what you like to do to make sure you spend most of your time doing just that.

Gardening is like taking a vacation in our very own yard. It is a chance to get away and *relax* in the comfort of nature. Gardening allows you to dig in, *get your hands dirty* and reconnect with nature.



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‘Autumn Red’ - A lovely red at about 30", this Daylily blooms in July and August. Daylilies are so named for their blooms which last only a day, but with so many buds on each stem, they provide a long season of bloom. Combine it with Rudbeckia ‘Goldsturm’ and our little Gaillardia ‘Goblin’ for lots of hot color.

Plant 18 in apart, Zone 4–9, full sun to part shade

‘Black-Eyed Stella’ - Same marvelous golden yellow reblooming qualities as ‘Stella de Oro’, but with a maroon throat and perhaps just a tad more heat tolerance. At 15" this stellar performer and vigorous grower is a must for those addicted to Daylilies. Expect this All-America Daylily prizewinner to feed your addiction in June-July, and again when things cool off in early fall.

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‘Bonanza’ - A soft orange-yellow with a reddish-brown center, ‘Bonanza’ reaches 24", blooming in July and August. All these Daylily varieties are easy to grow, withstand neglect, are adaptable to different types of soil, and are wonderfully heat and drought tolerant.

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‘Catherine Woodbury’ - Delicately pale pink and cream with a throat of glowing chartreuse, ‘Catherine Woodbury’ works well with other pastel shades, grows to 40", blooming in June and July.

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‘Cherry Cheeks’ - Rose-pink with a yellow-green throat, this pretty Daylily grows to about 33", blooming in July and August. Daylilies require at least 6 hours of sun a day for best performance, but can handle part shade.

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‘Chicago Apache’ - A hardy, vigorous grower, this rich scarlet red Daylily shows up well in the landscape when it blooms in June and July at a height of 27".

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Fulva - The fulva or Native Orange is the native Daylily we most often see at woodland’s edge or along the side of the road. Its clear orange flowers appear on 3–4’ stems in July and it thrives in sun or semi-shade.

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‘Happy Returns’ - An unusual soft, lemony-yellow Daylily on 18" stems, this is a repeat bloomer starting in June and producing its small, ruffled flowers off and on until October. It combines well with any other color shade, looks fantastic in mass plantings, and will please you when you see its habit of opening in the evening.

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‘Hyperion’ - Another old-fashioned favorite, ‘Hyperion’ has very large, canary yellow flowers that reach 40" or so in July and August. Graceful and charming, its lovely fragrance is a delightful bonus. Known as a great cut flower.

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‘Joan Senior’ - Considered one of the best, if not THE best, near-white Daylily, ‘Joan Senior’ is a multiple award winner. It has 6" lightly ruffled flowers in June and July at 25" and is so vigorous, it is considered a rebloomer.

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‘Little Business’ - Rose red with an almost bluish cast, this rebloomer has 3" flowers at a height of 15". Prize-winning ‘Little Business’ has been around for 30 years, and is known for its extended blooms that start in May and June and reappear intermittently throughout the season.

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‘Lullaby Baby’ - Palest pink blooms in June and July at about 20" are delightful on this All-America Daylily selection. The delicate fragrance is an added bonus. Great gift for that new mother you know.

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‘Mary Todd’ - An award winning all-time favorite, every bright yellow 6" bloom is ruffled and frilled. Each 22" plant will provide a huge splash of color in your garden during June and July.

Plant 18 in apart, Zone 4–9, full sun to part shade

‘Pardon Me’ - A deep, burgundy-red rebloomer with a chartreuse throat, this multiple prize-winner starts blooming in June and continues off and on into the fall. Considered a miniature due to its small bloom size (2 3/4"), it reaches a height of 18".

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‘Peach’ - Colored as it is named, this 30" Daylily blooms prettily in July. It is considered a mid- to late bloomer.

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‘Stella de Oro’ - This multiple award winner is perhaps the most popular Daylily of all time, and is definitely our most popular variety. Bright golden yellow flowers begin in June and keep it up until late summer on 12" stems. Use it in borders, on a bank, in containers on a patio or deck, or make a Daylily bed of ‘Stella de Oro’ by itself. Try it with Salvia ‘Blue Hill’ for a stunning color combination.

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‘Strawberry Candy’ - Pink blooms have a deep rose red eyezone and clean deep green foliage. A beautiful pink rebloomer, this multiple prizewinner is 26" tall, with 4" blooms, starts flowering in June and July, and does so off and on well into fall.

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‘Summer Wine’ - The dusky rose-pink flower has a chartreuse throat with sturdy stems, along with vigorous foliage which is wider than that on many Daylilies. It blooms mid-season in June–July reaching about 24" in height.

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‘Suzie Wong’ - Another winner of numerous garden awards, ‘Suzie Wong’s’ light yellow blooms are one of the earliest Daylilies each season in our area. Flowers appear in June and July on 24" stems.

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