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Choosing The Perfect Flowers For Summer

By Jennifer Houck

Summer flowers and bedding plants are a great way to instantly add color to your lawn. Summer

flowers start appearing in garden centers in the early spring, but you should be careful to plant only after the danger of freezing weather has passed. Summer flowers produce the best results when purchased ready to plant rather than trying to grow them yourself from seeds. Selecting the right summer flowers for your area can be quite a task, especially if you are planting your first flower garden. Here are some suggestions as to which flowering plants may be right for your situation:

If your flowerbed is in direct sunlight for the majority of the day, you will want to choose a hardy, heat-resistant plant. Some of the better choices for full sun are marigolds, zinnias, petunias, and zinnia. Be careful to choose a variety of heat-resistant plants, as some of these full-sun varieties are prone to diseases, especially marigolds. You will want several types of flowers in your flowerbed not only for contrast and interest, but in the event that one variety does poorly or becomes diseased, you can simply pull the plants (roots and all) and cultivate your remaining varieties. Keep in mind that if any of your plants are diseased, you should pull them immediately to avoid spreading the disease to your other plants.

For areas that are in partial to full shade, consider impatiens, begonias, and vinca. All of these come in a variety of colors and grow quite well in shady areas. In choosing the colors for your flowering plants, remember that red colors make the plant seem closer and larger, while blue will give the illusion of smallness and distance. Planting a single color of flowers will draw more attention to your flowerbed, but if you want several colors make sure the flowers compliment one another. Purple goes well with pink and white will blend in nicely with any other color. Also, red goes very well with violet as odd as this may seem.

The most important thing you can do to ensure beautiful summer flowers is to prepare your flowerbed appropriately before planting. Till the soil thoroughly and remove any weeds, roots and all. Fertilize your flowerbed before planting and for the first month after planting flowers, water every other day so that the roots of the plants will be properly nourished. Use mulch as a covering in your flowerbed to preserve moisture and do not over-feed your flowers. Use fertilizer exactly as directed on the package and avoid getting the fertilizer directly on the parts of the plant that are above the ground.

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Deciding On The Best "Seasoning" For Your Wedding

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By choosing flowers that are in season, you are allowing yourself to be in tune with nature. Of course, by realizing and following the seasons, you are also able to get the freshest and least expensive flowers, so everyone wins.

For fall and winter weddings

For the cooler months, you will be able to find appropriate, warmly colored flowers. Fall flowers include chrysanthemums, dahlias, gerber daisies, hydrangeas, roses, sunflowers and zinnias. Gerber daisies come in a variety of colors, so you'll be able to match whatever color scheme you end up choosing.

Winter weddings can opt for forsythia, hydrangea, tulips, and roses. For a fun idea, why not try bunches of white roses at a winter wedding? These would look beautiful against darker bridesmaid dresses, while an accent of a few red roses would be perfect in the bride's bouquet.

For spring and summer weddings

Although it may seem that all flowers should be available in the spring and summer, this is not necessarily true. Many flower growers are in different parts of the world, and their seasons can be very different.

For a spring wedding, you may want to choose flowers such as daffodils, forsythia, gerber daisies, hyacinth, iris, lilac, pansy, foxglove, peony, snapdragons, roses, star of Bethlehem, tulips, or violets. The selection is much larger in the warmer months, but this is also prime time for weddings, so you may be faced with shortages.

In the summer, weddings with lilies, daisies, geraniums, pansies, roses, violets and zinnias make for beautiful settings. Try to incorporate a few into the overall design to add texture and depth to the decorating scheme.

Flowers can make for a beautiful, natural touch to any wedding plans. Finding ones that are in season will help to ensure that you are getting the freshest varieties without any artificial help from chemicals or colorings.

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Some advice for ordering flowers though, you will want to make your plans well in advance of your wedding. Not only will this save you troubles in planning, but it also allows you enough time to change your arrangements if there's a particular flower shortage for the year, or if you just happen to change your mind.

Sit down with a florist to see what they suggest. Many times, they can create beautiful arrangements without the cost that you might incur by doing it on your own.

Having a second plan is always a good idea in any part of wedding planning.

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