

HOW-TO
Tip Sheet #
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Perennials for Your Garden

FREE!
Please take one!

The following is a comprehensive list of the most popular perennials. This list is arranged in alphabetical order, according to genus. With the information provided, one can plan their garden.

KEY			
○ Sun	L - Low		
◐ Partial Sun	M - Medium		
● Shade	T - Tall		

Plant Name	Bloom Colour	Bloom Period	Plant	Exposure	Used For	Comments Height
Achillea (Yarrow)	Yellow-gold	Mid/ Late Summer	L,M,T	○	Rock Gardens Borders Cut Flowers	Well drained soil, may require staking
Alyssum (Basket of Gold)	Yellow	Early Summer	L	○◐	Rock Gardens Beds Borders	Well drained soil, divide in spring
Aquilegia (Columbine)	Blue Maroon Purple Yellow	Late Spring/ Mid Summer	M	◐●	Rock Gardens Borders Cut Flowers	Well drained soil, divide late summer
Armeria (Thrift)	Purple Rose	Late Spring/ Mid Summer	L	○	Rock Gardens Beds, Edging Borders	Dry, infertile soil, divide every 4 years
Artemisia (Silvermound)	Silver Foliage		L	○	Rock Gardens Edging	Will adapt to poor soil conditions
Aster	Rose	Late Summer Violet Pink	M	○	Borders Edging Cut Flowers	Water generously in well drained soil
Astilbe	Pink	Summer Red White	M	◐	Borders Beds	Moist, fertile organic soil
Convallaria (Lily of the Valley)	White	Spring	L	◐●	Groundcover Borders Cut Flowers	Berries are poisonous
Chrysanthemum maximum (Shasta Daisy)	White	Summer	M	○◐	Borders Cut Flowers	Fertile soil, divide every other spring
Chrysanthemum (Hardy Mums)	Red Yellow Bronze	Fall	M,L	○◐	Foundations Borders	Well drained moist soil, may transplant in fall
Delphinium	Pink	Summer White Blue	T	○	Backgrounds Beds Borders	May require staking, cut back flowers after flowering
Dianthus (Carnation)	Pink, Red Rose, White Yellow	Late Spring/ Summer	M,L	○	Rock Gardens Borders Beds Cut Flowers	Well drained alkaline soil

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Dicentra (Bleeding Heart)	Pink to Fuchsia	Late Spring/ Late Summer	M	○◐	Backgrounds Beds Borders	Fertile soil, divide in spring or fall
Gaillardia (Blanket Flower)	Red Orange Yellow	Summer	M	○	Cut Flowers Borders	Light, well drained soil, divide in spring
Gypsophila (Baby's Breath)	White	Mid Summer	L/MT	◐	Borders Edging	Well drained, low nutrient, high pH soil
Hemerocallis (Day Lily)	Yellow Cream Bronze Pink	Late Spring	M	○◐	Backgrounds Borders Cut Flowers	Well drained organic soil, divide every 4 to 6 years
Hollyhock	Pink	Late Summer White Red	T	○	Backgrounds	Well drained soil, may require staking
Hosta (Plantain Lily)	Lavender White	Summer	M	○◐	Beds Borders Groundcover	Organic soil
Iris	Assorted	Spring/ Mid Summer	L/T	○	Beds Foundations Borders	Divide rhizomes after flowering
Lillium (Lily)	Assorted	Summer	T	○◐	Backgrounds	Fertile soil
Lupinus (Lupine)	Blue, Red White, Pink Yellow	Summer	M	◐	Backgrounds Borders	Cool, moist areas, acidic soil
Paeonia (Peony)	Yellow Red Purple Pink, White	Spring	M/T	○	Borders Cut Flowers	Shade inhibits flowering, establishment time: 3 years
Papaver (Oriental Poppy)	Scarlet Salmon	Early Spring	M	○	Backgrounds Borders Beds	Well drained soil, difficult to transplant
Phlox paniculata (Garden Phlox)	Assorted	Summer	L/M	○◐	Backgrounds Beds Borders	Require fertilizing with Superphosphate or Bonemeal, divide in fall
Platycodon (Balloon Flowers)	Blue	Summer	M/T	○◐	Rock Gardens Borders	Will not tolerate wet soil, does not transplant well requires staking
Primula (Primrose)	Assorted	Spring	L/M	◐	Borders Beds	Cool, moist organic soil
Rudbeckia (Cone Flower) (Black-eyed Susan)	Yellow Gold	Summer	M	○◐	Borders Beds Cut Flowers	Easy to grow



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