



College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences

Licking County Master Gardener Volunteers



The Sun Garden

The six raised beds in the Sun Garden provide ideas for combining plants in the home landscape and can be easily be replicated in your garden. There are four 8'x8' raised beds and two 3'x8' raised beds. Raised beds are advantageous when you have heavy clay, very poor soil or have a hard time gardening at ground level. You can add good soil that plants will love, and these beds create a pleasing design in your landscape.

Each bed displays perennials, shrubs, and annuals that are readily available to adopt for the home landscape. Designing a pleasing landscape bed involves attention to plant heights, spreads, bloom times, and colors as well as amending the soil, fertilizing and watering. This year, the garden is showcasing Proven Winners shrubs and annuals.

From daffodils in the early spring to chrysanthemums in the fall, the well-planned garden bed will display color throughout the season. This doesn't always need to be flowers. Shrubs and trees also provide color and texture through their leaves and structure. Since perennials usually bloom for a short time, we plant annuals to provide color when perennials have finished blooming.

Resources:

How to have a beautiful garden in full sun - Pennington

<https://www.pennington.com/all-products/fertilizer/resources/how-to-have-a-beautiful-garden-in-full-sun>

A garden for Continuous Color – Proven Winners

<https://www.provenwinners.com/learn/top-ten-lists/how-plant-your-garden-continuous-color>

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<https://www.provenwinners.com/gardening-ideas>