

Is Your Garden Ready for Planting?

Questions for new gardeners	See our handouts
What is your light level? Does your area have full sun, part shade, or shade? The sun moves 90 degrees from winter to summer.	<u>Light Levels</u> <u>Full Sun Plants</u> <u>Part Shade Plants</u> <u>Shade Plants</u>
What is your soil type? Is your soil dry, moist or wet? Natives thrive in intact local soils. Many urban areas have compacted or altered soils that need amendments.	<u>Soil Building</u> <u>Drought Gardening</u> <u>Potted Plants</u>
Is your site prepared? Have you removed invasive species and weeds? Use a mulch such as wood chips during and after planting. Irrigate first season.	<u>Weeds</u> <u>Lawn and Unwanted Spaces</u> <u>Difficult Spaces</u>
What are your gardening goals? Include esthetics, screening, birds, pollinators, and medicine gardens. For low maintenance use plants with easy to maintain growth habits. For hard to maintain areas use drought tolerant plants.	<u>Rain Gardens</u> <u>Backyard Nature</u> <u>Birds</u> <u>Pollinators</u> <u>Native Hedges</u> <u>Trees</u> <u>Groundcovers</u>
What is your maintenance plan? Continue weed removal. Pruning. Mulching to help reduce drought stress.	<u>Weeds</u> <u>Deer and Bunny Issues</u>