

We Plan, You Plant
Service offered by:
Willow Ridge Garden Center & Landscaping

A **FREE** service offered by appointment to help you plan your home landscape projects.

This information is designed to give you guidance for your appointment with our Staff member who will show you how easily you can turn your garden dreams into reality.

Our Staff member will dedicate **30 minutes of consultation / design advice time** to providing you with valuable assistance to address your project. ***This is not enough time to come away with a scaled drawing or master plan,*** but if you will follow the four easy steps outlined here, this service will serve you well.

1. Prepare yourself for your appointment by doing a little homework such as gathering photos of your project area, record measurements on graph paper & try to get a copy of your property platt (this is in your closing paper work from your mortgage closing or available on-line in most counties). Observe and record the number of hours of sun the area receives and which direction the area is facing. (N, S, E, W) Take some time to assess your soil conditions by digging small test areas in the project area.
2. Call Willow Ridge Garden Center & schedule your appointment with a Staff member.
3. Prepare your project area soil using methods and recommendations your Willow Ridge Staff member has recommended for your site. Space and plant your plant material selection recommendations according to your We Plan You Plant project plan. Mulch & fertilize your new planting according to the guidelines provide to you and water your new plants for the first time
4. Sit back and enjoy your success. Maintain your new garden area using the watering and maintenance guidelines provide to you by your We Plan, You Plant Staff member.

CHECKLIST- What You would like...

1. Landscape project area you wish to accomplish. (Mailbox area, foundation beds, patio, deck surround etc.)

2. What are your goals? (Color, Renovations,Screening,Other).

3. What do you like most / least about your present landscape?

GARDEN PRESCRIPTION

Shape the new planting bed: Use a garden hose to lay out the shape of a free-form bed. Use a tape measure and straight edge such as a piece of lumber for formal straight line beds. Use bright spray paint to outline the bed by spraying along the interior of your hose layout or straight edges. Avoid forming un-mowable corners.

Call Tennessee 1 Call: (811 or 1-800-351-1111) to locate any underground utilities prior to digging. This is a free service and can save you a great deal of trouble later. Please allow them three working days to mark your property before you begin work.

Remove any unwanted plants in the bed area and either remove any grass or use herbicide to kill it 7 days prior to planting.

Use _____ at a rate of _____ to kill the grass.
Use _____ at the rate of _____ to kill brushy undergrowth.

Till or turn the soil in the planting area if necessary. (Discuss this with our Staff consultant) Edge the bed with a sharp spade by trenching three to four inches deep around the outside edge.

Add soil amendments as needed: Use Farfard soil conditioner as your soil conditions indicate: Heavy clay: (3) Three cubic foot bags per 100 sq. ft.
Avg. Soil: (2) Three cubic foot bags per 100 sq. ft.
Good Soil: (1) Three cubic foot bags per 100 sq. ft.

Locate and space plants: Before planting, place all plants in the bed. Use the We Plan, You Plant plan (if you had one completed) as a general guide. Adapt the exact location and number of plants to suit your vision of the planting. Remember that the recommended spacing is based on the plants horticultural requirements and mature size under ideal conditions.

Plant: Refer to your installation sheet for proper techniques

Mulch: Follow the recommendations provided in you plan.

Use 1 Bale of Pine straw for each 20 sq. ft. of bed at 3 inched deep.

Use 1 two-cubic foot bag of Barky Beaver mulch to cover each 10 sq. ft. of bed at a depth of two inches thick.

Estimated mulch needed: _____

Feeding: At planting time, remember to use Plant starter, then follow the regular feeding program recommended below.

Use: _____

Watering: Be sure new plantings receive a steady soaking at least every three days in the absence of rain. Maintain a 3"-4" cover of mulch to reduce moisture loss. Use Preen pre-emergent granular herbicide at the recommended rate every 3 months to help prevent weed germination in bedding areas.