

Right Plant, Right Place

Concept

Choose plants that are well-suited to the location where they are planted. They will perform well with limited additional input. Many insects and diseases are opportunists, taking advantage of plants that are stressed and aren't healthy enough to fight back.

How do you make Right Plant, Right Place work for you?

Evaluate your site and local conditions.

What function will the plant serve in your landscape? What is its purpose?

Site Assessment Factors

- Hardiness – What is your zone? Evaluate site for possible microclimates.
- Amount of Light – Sun, Partial Sun/Shade or Shade? Assess hours of direct sun.
- Soil – Sandy, Clay, or Sandy Loam. Soil pH – acidic or alkaline?
- Moisture/Drainage – How long is moisture held within the soil, and how long is it available for use by plants?
- Available Space – Size Does Matter! Consider mature height and width of plant.
- Other – Salt Tolerant, Rabbits/Deer, Play Areas, Wind Exposure, Black Walnut trees

Resources

- Books – use the Monroe County library system

- Websites

Cornell	gardening.cals.cornell.edu
Ohio State	https://plantfacts.osu.edu/web/
Univ of Minnesota	http://extension.umn.edu
Missouri Botanical Garden	www.missouribotanicalgarden.org
US Dept of Agriculture	https://plants.usda.gov/home
Fine Gardening	www.finegardening.com
Horticulture Magazine	www.hortmag.com

- Google Searches – be specific as possible to get pertinent information.

Example: You want to research tree possibilities for your yard.

Google: trees+zone 6+drbought tolerant+mature height 20 feet