

Plants for Shade

When selecting your plants for your landscape, it is important to consider the amount of light available during the growing season. While many plants adapt to varying light levels, others will struggle if placed with too much or too little sunlight. To determine your planting situation, make observations throughout the year and through the course of a day:

- * **Full Sun:** 6 or more hours of direct, unobstructed sunlight.
- * **Partial Sun:** 4 to 6 hours of direct sun, such as a very bright location with a high, diffused canopy of trees.
- * **Partial Shade:** 2 to 4 hours of direct sun, such as beneath a canopy of shade trees in summer.
- * **Full Shade:** Usually less than 2 hours of direct sun. Buildings and tree growth prevent anything but dappled light from reaching the ground.

There are many plants available for semi-shade and shady locations. Johnson's carries a large selection of them:

Trees:

Dogwood, *Cornus florida*
Fringetree, *Chionanthus virginicus*
Star Magnolia, *Magnolia stellata*
Japanese Maple, *Acer japonica*
Redbud, *Cercis canadensis*
Serviceberry, *Amelanchier canadensis*

Shrubs:

Abelia, *Abelia x grandiflora*
Anisetree, *Illicium floridanum*
Azalea, *Azalea hybrids*
Aucuba, *Aucuba japonica*
Bayberry, *Myrica cerifera*
Camellia, *Camellia japonica*
Cherry Laurel, *Prunus laurocerasus*
Hinoki Cypress, *Chamaecyparis obtusa*
Daphne, *Daphne x burkwoodii*
Fetterbush, *Leucothoe fontanesia*
Fringeflower, *Loropetalum chinense*
Heavenly Bamboo, *Nandina domestica*
Japanese Holly, *Ilex crenata*
Inkberry, *Ilex glabra*
Hydrangea, Bigleaf, *Hydrangea macrophylla*
Hydrangea, Oakleaf, *Hydrangea quercifolia*
Mountain Laurel, *Kalmia latifolia*
Oregon Grape Holly, *Mahonia aquifolium*

Skimmia, *Skimmia japonica*
Summersweet, *Clethra alnifolia*
Sweet Box, *Sarcococcus humilis*
Wintercreeper, *Euonymus fortunei*

Perennials:

Astilbe, *Astilbe japonica*
Bleeding Heart, *Dicentra spectabilis*
Bugleweed, *Ajuga reptans*
Columbine, *Aquilegia canadensis*
Coralbells, *Heuchera sanguinea*
Dead Nettle, *Lamium maculatum*
Epimedium, *Epimedium grandiflorum*
Lenten Rose, *Helleborus orientalis*
Lily of the Valley, *Convallaria majalis*
Monkshood, *Aconitum henryi*
Plantain Lily, *Hosta species*
Rosemallow, *Hibiscus moscheutos*
Sweet Woodruff, *Galium odoratum*
Virginia Bluebells, *Mertensia virginica*

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