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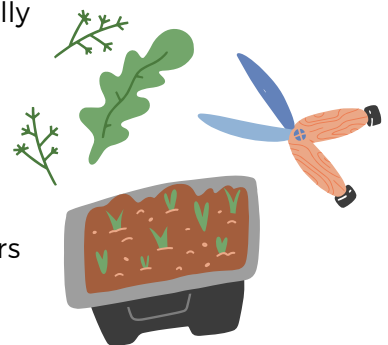


## Plenty of Ground to Cover

**Landscape planning for expansive properties can seem daunting at times.** Beautifying large spaces within a set budget is a challenge. Using ground cover as a landscape element allows you to create large areas of attractive low maintenance landscaping.

Ground covering plants typically spread their top growth as well as roots horizontally as opposed to vertically. This makes these plants a great solution for hill sides or banked areas that may be difficult to mow. Shady or inaccessible areas that are unsuited for grass are excellent spots for groundcovers.

Low-growing plants vary greatly with respect to plant type and appearance. Some are woody and others herbaceous. The more common flowering leafy groundcovers include a wide range of shapes, sizes and color. Multiple contrasting groundcovers can be used to create patterns and shapes.



The art of balancing appearance and maintenance needs is a key aspect of landscape planning. Groundcover provides an attractive low-maintenance solution for areas that may not be conducive to other types of plants. Whether you are in the initial design phase, or have spaces that need filling out, ground cover can be a key contributor to your property's landscape.



## Success with Annual Flowers

**Success with annual flowers is largely affected by the soil into which you plant them.** These great-blooming flowers are shallow rooted. They need an open soil mix with a lot of organic material. As part of your bed preparation consider mixing in peat moss, composted yard waste (like shredded leaves and grass clippings), and sand. For clay, add gypsum at a rate of 30-40 lbs. per 100 sq. ft. each year for 3 or 4 years.

If you plant annuals in the same beds each year, improve the soil with additions of organic materials every spring and/or fall after the plants are removed. Work the soil to at least 8" or 10" in depth after adding your organic materials. Below is a quick list to help you make the most of your seasonal flower display:

- Be sure your flowers are planted into loose, dry soil.
- Add as much organic material as possible, as often as possible to create an open soil with good drainage.
- Fertilize annuals regularly. Most are heavy feeders and will produce much better when fed.
- Biggest mistake with annuals: planting too deeply. These shallow-rooted plants should be planted at the same depth as you find them in the cell packs in which they were purchased.
- Do not overcrowd plants. Space out the annuals according to their mature width.



# It's Croton Season

**This time of the year we tend to see an abundance of the colorful Croton planted in container gardens and in planting beds.** These plants are very bold in color which include yellow, red, orange and even black. Crotons are very eye-catching and will brighten up any spot on your property or porch and even inside your home or business. To help prolong the life of your Croton follow these plant care tips:

- Find a spot to place the plant and do not move them - they are temperamental
- The plants need 6-8 hours of bright light each day
- Keep the soil rich with nutrients and evenly moist - they do not like "wet feet"
- Crotons love warm weather (around 70 degrees)
- Temperatures below 60 degrees or chilly drafts of air can cause the leaves to turn green and possibly the plant to die
- Crotons are toxic when ingested in large quantities, BUT they taste horrendous so eating large amounts would be difficult
- A Croton grown indoors may not flower but the leaves will be stunning

Southeast Georgia is the perfect place to have colorful Crotons in your landscape during the fall. Take a closer look at all the varieties of Crotons to find one or more that will suit your style and landscape needs.



## Fall Annuals

**Here are a few fall annuals you need to try:**

- Celosia
- Purple Fountain Grass
- Flowering Kale
- Aster
- Dianthus
- Sweet Alyssum
- Ornamental Pepper
- Pansy
- Strawflower
- Calibrachoa





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