

# SHADE ANNUALS, PERENNIALS, SHRUBS & TREES

There are many plants that thrive in partial to complete shade. “**Complete shade**” means an area that receives no direct sunlight. “**Partial shade**” means an area that receives only morning sun or filtered sun. Because of the extreme heat in South Carolina in the summer, it is important to note that “partial shade” in this situation **does not refer to morning shade with afternoon sun.**

The following plants will grow in shady conditions. While most blooming plants require direct sunlight, there are many that will grow and bloom in partial shade. There are a few that will grow and bloom in pure shade.

**ANNUALS** - Plant in spring/summer; will last until frost. Selecting the right summer annual can add a long-lasting splash of color to a shady landscape. Shade-loving annuals come in a variety of colors, sizes and textures. They can be used in mass plantings, accent areas or placed in containers to add vibrancy to a shady spot. The following annuals are great for partial or full shade areas.



**PERENNIALS** - Plant in spring/summer; will come back every spring/summer. Perennial gardens and containers can contain plants that flower, plants with colorful leaves, and low-growing ground covers. The following shade perennials are recommended.



**\*Partial shade plants. Note:** These plants will not **bloom** well in full/deep shade. For best results, plant in morning or filtered sun.

**SHRUBS** - There are many shrubs suited for complete and partial shade. When choosing shrubs for areas in your landscape, be sure you are aware of the amount of sun the area receives, as well as the requirements of the plant. The shrubs shown below are good specimens for shady areas.

\*Best in partial shade (these shrubs need some sun in order to bloom, but generally cannot tolerate the afternoon sun).

**Ardisia**



**Aucuba**



**Anise**



**Azalea\***



**Hydrangea\***



**Leucothoe**



**Camellia\***



**Fatsia**



**Rhododendron\***



**Pieris Japonica**



**Mahonia**



**Winter Daphne**



**NOTE:** There are several varieties of most of the plants shown above with different height and width characteristics. Be sure to investigate your space needs and choose plants accordingly. This will save you unnecessary pruning!

**TREES:** These trees are perfect for shady areas. **Japanese Maples** come in many varieties and make a beautiful focal point in the landscape with their deep red and orange foliage. White and Pink **Dogwoods** announce the arrival of spring with colorful blooms, and provide interest with berries in fall. You often find these trees planted in full sun, but in the heat of summer, foliage will scorch. We recommend planting in partial shade (morning sun with afternoon shade, or filtered sun).

**Japanese Maple**



**Dogwood**

