

SUN EXPOSURE CHART

Every plant does better with some sun!
But how do you determine where to plant them?
This chart makes it simple.

In the left-hand column, simply label the area of your yard that you start planting in.
Then, every hour, go outside and take note of the type of light that you see—
sun, shade, or dappled shade. It's that easy!

Planting Area	7 AM	8 AM	9 AM	10 AM	11 AM	12 PM	1 PM	2 PM	3 PM	4 PM	5 PM	6 PM	7 PM	8 PM

See page 2 for a key to help determine the types of sun exposure in your yard.



SUN EXPOSURE KEY

SUN EXPOSURE PLANT TYPES



Full Sun: Need at least 6 hours of sunlight a day but can thrive in areas that get sun all day long.

Full Shade: Don't need to be in the shade all day. Need at most 4 hours of sun and can thrive in areas of dappled shade.

Part Sun: Need 4 to 6 hours of sunlight a day. Prefer to get an hour or two of light in the afternoon.

Part Shade: Need 4 to 6 hours of light a day. Like to get all their light before noon rolls around.

Part-Sun-to-Full-Sun: Need a minimum of 4 hours of direct sunlight. Thrive in warmer climates and temperatures.

Part-Shade-to-Full-Shade: Need at most 6 hours of sunlight. Do better in cooler climates.

Full-Sun-to-Full-Shade: Don't care about how much light they might receive. Thrive in just about any condition.

ADDITIONAL KEY TERMS

Sun: Area of your yard that is in full light and isn't receiving shade from nearby plants or structures.

Shade: Area of your yard that isn't receiving any direct sun and is in the shadow of a nearby plant or structure.

Dappled Shade: Area of your yard that has a mixture of sun and shade—such as light filtered through a nearby tree or bush.