



# FACEBOOK LIVE WEBINAR

## Accessorizing Your Landscape with Annuals

It's time to spruce up your yard with vibrant color! We feel that every garden needs a fresh look to welcome the new season, and what better way to do that than to accessorize your landscape with annuals? Not only are there a ton of choices to fit any style or growing situation, annual color offers instant impact- and there's truly nothing like it. Join Mike Westphal, the Garden Guru as he teaches us about amazing annual combinations, what annuals may pair best with your current landscape, as well as tips and tricks to getting the perfect pop of color you are looking for this spring.

### **BRIGHTEN THOSE BEDS WITH COLOR**

Annuals can brighten anyone's day, and while many people use them in hanging baskets and containers, we want to ask the question, "What can they do planted in your landscape?"

#### **What is an Annual?**

Typically, annuals are plants that are not hardy in your plant hardiness zone. They typically complete their life cycle in the growing season from seed to germination and from blooming to seed production. So you need to plant them "annually".

#### **Why Use Annuals?**

With annuals, you can change out the color and styles of your garden seasonally. Annuals will give your landscape impact and a show that not many other plants can give and definitely one of the longest impacts of any plant.

#### **Sun vs. Shade**

There are great annuals for sun and shade. Here is a list of some of our favorites:

##### *Sun -*

- Petunias
- Begonias
- Lantana
- Marigolds
- Zinnas
- Geraniums

##### *Shade -*

- Impatiens
- Coleus
- Caladiums

#### **Sizing Up Your Landscape**

Different annuals grow at different rates. Some are more ground-cover growers while others can get 3-4 feet tall. Knowing how to space out your beds is a great start to planting a full landscape of annual color.

##### *Growth Rate -*

Make sure you are checking the labels on your plant's pots to ensure you are giving enough space for them to grow throughout the season.

##### *Layering -*

Give your beds some depth with layering in annuals by size and color. Creating a tiered system of your shortest annuals in the front to the tallest in the back will give your landscape a more polished look.

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### *Ways to Create Impact -*

The biggest pro to planting annuals in your landscape is the intense color you can add to your beds with just one day of work. There are different effects that you can create with various planting methods such as working within a color scheme, adding annuals just to the bed borders, or creating a desired pattern through blocks of color.

*PRO TIP:* Adding in helpful pairing products such as compost, perlite, and Espoma's Biotone Starter Plus can help your annuals grow faster and fuller.

### **Your Landscape, Your Design**

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