

## Sun Loving Perennials

Do you have a sunny area in your yard that you want to add plants to, but have no idea where to start? Here at Schalow's Nursery we can help you find sun loving plants that will keep your yard full of color all season long. This handout will provide you with a few ideas of early, mid, and late season blooming perennials that will allow you to keep color in your yard throughout the growing season.

### Early Blooming Perennials

The early season perennials will be the first flowers that you see in your landscape. As soon as the weather starts to warm, these perennials will be poking up out of the ground and starting to grow.



One of the most common early blooming perennials is phlox. These plants are popular due to their large, colorful blooms. They are also popular due to their long lasting blooms. Being a taller perennial also means that they can easily be used as a background plant in a garden bed.

We also carry several other early blooming sun perennials like bearded iris, coneflowers, and false indigo.

### Mid-season Blooming Perennials

Mid-season perennials are those that start blooming in July or August. These perennials provide additional color and interest as the early blooming perennials stop flowering.

A common mid-season perennial is daylilies. These are brightly colored flowers that come in a range of colors like white or yellow to pinks and purples. They have grass like



foliage and can be anywhere from 1-4 feet tall allowing them to be used as a background or border plant.

A few other perennials that bloom mid-season are bee balm, coreopsis and shasta daisies.

### Late Season Blooming Perennials

The final group of sun loving perennials that you should include in your flower garden is the late season perennials. These are the perennials that start flowering in August and can last into fall.

An interesting example of a late season perennial is sedum or stonecrop. This is a group of perennials that include creeping ground covers as well as taller upright specimens. They tend to have colorful foliage that can be a light green, variegated, or even a deep red/purple. They are also unique because they have a more succulent leaf texture that can provide an interesting element to your landscape. These perennials also offer a variety of flower colors like bright pinks and yellows.



We also carry several other late season perennials like asters, anemone, and hardy chrysanthemums.

**These are just a few options to get you started. There are many other options and we can help you with any questions you may have.**