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# YARD 'N' GARDEN



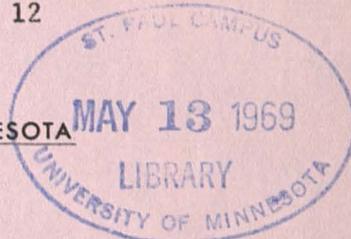
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## PLANTS FOR SHADY AREAS



Shady areas in the yard can be a problem unless you select plants that tolerate shade. Many plants that will tolerate shade grow better with more light. Shady areas are often more of a problem because of the competition of large trees with extensive, shallow root systems. One solution is to remove some of the less desirable trees. Carefully thinning some large branches can help alleviate the problem.

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One of the best evergreens for a foundation planting in a shady area is the Japanese yew. Plants are available that spread or are upright. The yews require protection from the winter sun. The arborvitaes will tolerate shade, but use them sparingly since they're susceptible to dog damage.

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Several shrubs that will tolerate shady conditions are the Hills-of-Snow hydrangea, nannyberry viburnum, arrow wood, Peegee hydrangea, the Korean boxwood, and the dogwoods.

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A number of perennial plants will grow in the shade. One of the best is hosta, sometimes known as plantain lily. These come in sizes from 6 inches to 2½ feet. They like a fertile, moist soil, and are grown mainly for their foliage, although some have attractive flowers.

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Ferns are also suitable for shady areas, but cannot tolerate wind swept locations. The choicest of the ferns is the Maidenhair fern. The ostrich, cinnamon, lady fern are good choices, although they grow taller. Other herbaceous plants that will tolerate shade are the pachysandra, ajuga, lily-of-the-valley, and wild ginger.

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Only a few annual flowers will bloom in the shade. The impatiens, sometimes called sultania, are one of the showiest. This prolific bloomer has flowers of many colors. The fibrous rooted begonias will provide bloom throughout the summer. The flowers are white, pink or red, and come as doubles or singles. Another annual flower that tolerates dense shade is browallia. Browallia has flowers that are white on blue.

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