

How to Read Our Plant Signs

Did you know our signs are curated specifically for Brevard County?

<p><i>Light Requirements</i></p>	<p>Full Sun = all-day sun (minimum of 6 hours direct sunlight) Part Sun = 4-6+ hours of afternoon/evening sun Shade = filtered sun/no direct sunlight Part Shade = morning sun or less than 4 hours of afternoon/evening sun</p> <p><i>Hint: All plants that are not located under a shade cloth can handle full sun!</i></p>
<p><i>Height</i></p>	<p>Height: x - y ft x = the minimum height that the plant can be kept with regular pruning y = mature height of the plant without pruning</p> <p><i>Plant heights are generalizations made about particular variety of plant. Many external factors can affect the mature height of each plant, e.g. light, soil, water, fertility, etc.</i></p>
<p><i>Width</i></p>	<p>A common generalization about plants is that they are roughly as tall as they are wide. Because of this, some signs instead focus on Plant Spacing.</p> <p>Plant Spacing: x+ ft x = the minimum distance between plants if you want them to touch aka "hedging"</p> <p><i>When planting a hedge, always place plants equal distances apart using the space that you have.</i></p>
<p><i>Rate of Growth</i></p>	<p>Growth rates are generalizations. Many external factors can affect the actual growth rate, e.g. light, soil, water, fertility, etc.</p> <p>Slow = 12" or less per year Medium = 13"-24" per year Fast = 25" or more per year</p> <p>It is normal for minimal above ground growth to occur during a plant's establishment period, which ranges from 6 weeks to 3 years for trees and shrubs. This is the period in which root development occurs.</p>
<p><i>Salt Tolerance</i></p>	<p>Low = < 1200 ppm (parts per million salinity) Medium = 1200-2400 ppm or areas that receive direct river spray High = >2400 ppm or areas that receive direct ocean spray</p> <p><i>Did you know that we test your well water for free?</i> (1) Run your irrigation for 10 minutes (2) Take a small sample (3) Bring your sample to the blue info kiosk (4) We give you an accurate ppm salinity reading in minutes!</p>
<p><i>Cold Tolerance</i></p>	<p>Risk of Frost: High - Red Medium - Yellow Low - Green</p> <p>Low and medium-cold tolerance plants may need extra protection in cases of freeze or extended low temperatures.</p>