

Landscaping Tips

Spring Flowering Vines

Flowers that attract attention can be a fabulous addition to a fence, an arbor or a trellis. Using vines can bring vertical interest into your yard or onto your patio. Vines can provide beautiful flowers, fragrances and shelter and food for wildlife.



The keys to successful vine growing are the selection and maintenance. Choose manageable vines that don't grow out of control. Vine support is critical. A strong trellis, chain link fence, decorative aluminum fence or split rail fence can make it easy to maintain the vine without worrying that its support will deteriorate too quickly.

Choose vines that are easy to manage in the landscape such as queens wreath (*Petrea volubilis*), yellow mandevilla, blue flowering *Clitoria ternatea* or native scarlet red flowering coral honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*). Avoid using vines like morning glory, flame vine, blue sky vine, Mexican flame vine or red flowering passion vine. These can grow up to 50 feet in one growing season which makes them hard to contain.

If you would like to see many different types of vines, stop by the Palm Beach County Cooperative Extension Service at 531 North Military Trail and stroll through the Mounts Botanical Garden located right behind the Mounts Building. The garden area has several kinds of other plants that you can also look at (including fruit trees) before you purchase them. The Botanical Garden is open Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays, noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call 561-233-1750.

