

Plant List

Shrubs for Fall Color

Exposure = Amount of sun needed

- Sun** **Plant needs at least 6 full hours of direct sunlight each day.**
- Part Sun** **Plant needs 3 to 6 hours of sun each day, preferably in the morning and early afternoon.**
- Shade** **Plants needs less than 3 hours of direct sunlight each day, with filtered sunlight during the rest of the day. "Shade" does not mean no sun at all.**

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Common Name/Botanical Name	Exposure	Height and Spread	Bloom Color	Comments
Abelia <i>Abelia x grandiflora</i>	Sun	3' x 3'	White, pink	Glossy evergreen foliage turning reddish-purple in fall.
Azalea <i>Rhododendron 'Girard Hybrids'</i>	Part sun	3' x 4'	Various	Hardy evergreen with reddish fall foliage.
Beautyberry <i>Callicarpa</i>	Sun to part sun	5' x 5'	Pink	Violet or white berries in fall.
Blue Spirea <i>Caryopteris</i>	Sun	2' x 3'	Blue	Blooms in September.
Burning Bush <i>Euonymus alatus 'Compactus'</i>	Sun	10' x 10'	Unnoticeable	Brilliant red fall color.
Butterfly Bush <i>Buddleia</i>	Sun	3' to 5' x 3' to 5'	Blue, white, purple, red	Blooms August to September.
Chastetree <i>Vitex, agnus-castus</i>	Sun	10' x 10'	Lilac	Blooms late fall. Treat like a perennial.
Chokeberry <i>Aronia</i>	Sun to part sun	5' x 3'	White	Brilliant red to purple fall color.
Cotoneaster <i>Cotoneaster</i>	Sun to part sun	1' to 10' x 2' to 12'	White	Glossy, semi-evergreen foliage turning orange-red in winter.
Crapemyrtle <i>Lagerstroemia indica</i>	Sun	2' to 3' x 3' to 4'	White, pink, red, purple	Blooms in September.

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Fothergilla <i>Fothergilla</i>	Part sun, shade	2' to 5' x 2' to 5'	White	Stunning combination of red, orange, and yellow in fall.
Hypericum <i>Hypericum</i>	Sun to shade	4' x 4'	Yellow	Blue-green foliage turns yellow to burgundy. Small fruit capsules on twigs add interest.
Lespedeza <i>Lespedeza thunbergii</i>	Sun	4' x 4'	Rose purple	Beautiful late bloomer with bluish green foliage.
Oakleaf hydrangea <i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i>	Sun to shade	6' x 6'	White	Large leathery green leaves develop wonderful fall colors ranging from wine-red to purple to deep burgundy.
Oregon grapeholly <i>Mahonia aquifolium</i>	Part sun	4' x 4'	Yellow	Glossy dark evergreen foliage turns purple-bronze in winter.
Panicle hydrangea <i>Hydrangea paniculata</i>	Part sun	3' to 10' x 3' to 10'	White, pink	Large blooms that change colors in late summer.
Pyracantha <i>Pyracantha coccinea</i>	Sun to part sun	3' to 10' x 5' to 12'	White	Brilliant, abundant orange berries in fall.
Rhododendron <i>Rhododendron P.J.M. Hybrids</i>	Part sun	5' x 5'	Pink, lavender	Dark green foliage turns plum-purple in fall.
Rose of Sharon <i>Hibiscus syriacus</i>	Sun to part sun	8' x 5'	White, pink, purple, red	Blooms August through September
Serviceberry <i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	Sun to shade	10' x 10'	White	Stunning fall display of gold to orange to red leaves.
Snowberry <i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	Sun to part sun	4' x 4'	White, pink	Abundant pink or white fruit in fall.
Spirea <i>Spirea x bumalda 'Goldflame'</i>	Sun to shade	3' x 3'	Pink	Ever-changing foliage color from red to golden to reddish then purple in fall.
Sweetspire <i>Itea virginica</i>	Sun to shade	4' x 4'	White	Lustrous green foliage turns crimson, scarlet, and purple in fall.
Viburnum <i>Viburnum-many varieties</i>	Sun to shade	4' to 20' x 4' to 15'	White, pink	Most varieties have foliage that turns red, purple, and burgundy in fall. Some have colorful fruit that birds like.
Winterberry <i>Ilex verticillata</i>	Sun to part sun	5' x 4'	Unnoticeable	Bright red to orange berries on bare twigs in fall. Birds like the berries.

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