

Front Yard Flower Bed Plan

Your printable drift layout and bloom succession chart.

Dig a professional trench edge, arrange plants in natural drifts, and map out your entire flower bed. Recreate this lush, professionally styled landscape right at home.

● Layout & Material Specs

10x4 ft

Base layout template to scale up

4-6 in deep

Deep V trench edge depth

6-8 in high

Mounded loamy soil center elevation

8-in wide

Buried drop-in pots for swaps

3, 5, or 7 plants

Staggered drift layout plant groupings

2-3 in

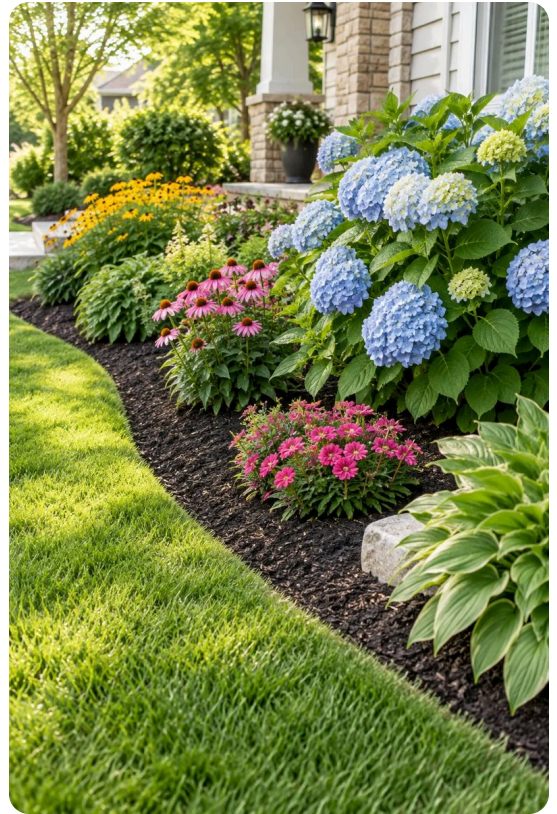
Double-shredded mulch layer depth

18-24 in

Spacing for mature perennial spread

14 bags

Mulch per 100-square-foot bed



Perfect Seasonal Pot Drainage

Add a handful of pea gravel to the bottom of buried empty pots so your seasonal drop-in plants drain freely and sit perfectly flush with the mulch.

● Building Your Drift Layout

- 1 **Cut the trench edge** Drive a half-moon edger straight down at 90 degrees, then slice the bed side at 45 degrees.
- 2 **Build loamy soil** Mix screened topsoil, mushroom compost, pine bark fines, and worm castings to establish a fertile foundation.
- 3 **Plant staggered drifts** Arrange identical perennials in overlapping triangles to shade out bare soil and mimic natural seed falls.
- 4 **Apply dark mulch** Spread the hardwood layer immediately after planting to lock in moisture, keeping it away from stems.
- 5 **Water deeply** Run a soaker hose beneath the protective blanket for 45 minutes twice a week.

● Site Checks & Prep

- Monitor the front yard to confirm six hours of afternoon sun.
- Mark the boundary line with a flexible hose or marking paint.
- Aggressively loosen compacted hardpan dirt at the bottom with a fork.
- Inspect nursery stock for firm white roots and tight unopened buds.
- Clear fallen leaves out of the trench before the first frost.

● Bloom Succession Chart

Find your row: **Planned timeframe**

Planned timeframe	Your pick	Why
Early spring	Pansies in drop-in pots	Fresh color while perennials sleep
Early summer	Hydrangeas in the drift	Kicks off the perennial display
Mid to late summer	Coneflowers and black-eyed Susans	Overlapping vibrant floral interest
Fall to winter	Mums and ornamental cabbage	Replaces faded warm-weather zinnias

● Garden Center Notes

Enjoy your beautiful, ever-changing front yard oasis all season long!