

Front Yard Layering & Spacing Guide

Design a perfectly layered, healthy foundation bed with professional spacing.

Transform your home's curb appeal with this definitive spacing method. By planning for mature sizes and proper airflow, you will create a welcoming landscape that thrives for decades.

● Key Spacing Measurements

18 in

Siding gap to mature shrub canopy

6-8 ft

Focal tree trunk from foundation

12-15 in

Between staggered W-pattern perennials

10 in

Border plant center from grass line

3 ft

Clear access around utility meters

3 in

Depth of V-trench cut edge

2-3 in

Hardwood mulch layer to suppress weeds

Space for Mature Size

Always measure spacing distances from your plant's 10-year mature center, not its current small nursery pot size, to prevent an overgrown, crowded bed by year three.



● Frame Windows Beautifully

Find your row: **Lowest window sill height**

Lowest window sill height	Your pick	Why
24 inches or less	18 in max height	Dwarf Boxwood or Creeping Juniper
36 inches	30 in max height	Compact Holly or Low Hydrangea
48 inches or more	42 in max height	Upright Yew or Medium Viburnum

● Check Before You Plant

- Track hours of direct sun to choose shade-tolerant or resilient varieties.
- Dig a 12-inch hole; amend if water remains after 4 hours.
- Position corner anchors completely outside the direct roof drip line.
- Call local utility marking service before digging the large tree hole.
- Group middle-layer perennials into hydro-zones with identical moisture requirements.

● Planting a Staggered W-Pattern

- 1 Place the first row** Set perennials in a straight line, spacing them evenly according to their tags.
- 2 Shift the second row** Start directly behind the first row, centering plants to sit between the front gaps.
- 3 Adjust for mature spread** Tweak exact spacing measurements based on the mature width listed on your specific plant tags.
- 4 Mix foliage textures** Alternate broad, flat leaves with fine, spiky foliage to maintain visual depth year-round.

● Garden Planning Notes

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Enjoy your beautifully layered, professionally spaced front yard oasis!