



Midwest Tropicals

TOP PICKS 2024

FOLIAGE

Prebook Dates

Spring Foliage — **Before October 1st.**

Summer Foliage — **Before October 1st.**

Fall Foliage — **Before January 31st.**



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Aglaonema Maria

Having glossy, dark green leaves showing silver chevrons Maria is the perfection addition for texture.

Shade or Filtered Light.

*6"/ 14-16" *8"/ 18-22"
 *10"/24-28 *12"/31-33"
 *14"/ 30-36"



Aglaonema Sarah

Colorful leaves display strips of pinks, yellows, and greens while pink stems create pops of color.

Shade or Filtered Light.

*6"/ 14-16" *8"/ 18-22"
 *10"/24-28 *12"/31-33"
 *14"/ 30-36"



Aglaonema Silver Bay

Glossy variegated leaves and stems exhibit attractive silver, light green, and dark green color combinations.

Shade or Filtered Light.

*6"/ 14-16" *8"/ 18-22"
 *10"/24-28 *12"/31-33"
 *14"/ 30-36"



Alocasia Calidora

Having a 'V'-shape, Calidora offers additional drama with its larger-than-life arrow-shaped lush ribbed green leaves.

Shade or Sun.

*10"/16-24"



Alocasia Portadora

Portadora is the classic summer centerpiece with its glossy green, tropical foliage having upward pointing scalloped leaves on sturdy green stems.

Shade and/or Full Sun.

*10"/16-24"



Alpinia Variegated

Variegated Ginger features lance-shaped leaves that offer long dark green streaked with yellow variegation that is distributed all over.

Shade or Filtered Sun.

*10"/ 22-24" *14"/ 30-36"

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Anthurium Gemini

Famous for its fiery red spathe (a bright red leaf), and the vivid yellow spike, Anthurium adds allure, inside and out.

Shade to Partial Sun.

*6"/14-16"



Cordyline Auntie Lou

Lance-shaped leaves with prominent pink to red margins and deep burgundy add a burst of color to all gardens.

Full Sun to Part Shade.

*10"/32-34"



Cordyline Bolero

Bolero's spectacular, large, wavy leaves have pinkish-red margins and a nearly white center when emerging. Jungle green and red striations appear for added excitement.

Full Sun to Part Shade.

*10"/32-34"



Cordyline Chili Pepper

Chili Pepper is an upright, clumping Cordyline with a spiral arrangement of strap-like red and green leaves. The new leaves are red with some dark green, and as they mature turn darker green and red, with striping, and red margins.

Full Sun to Part Shade.

*10"/32-34"



Cordyline Kiwi

Kiwi is a colorful Cordyline displaying broad, strap-like, green and yellow streaked leaves with bold pink edges.

Forms an upright shrub, creating a lush tropical look.

Part Sun.

*6"/ 14-18"

*10"/32-34"



Cordyline Xerox

Add fabulous color, texture and height to containers and in the landscape with this focal point. Big leaves boasting both bright pink and dark burgundy.

Full Sun to Part Shade.

*6"/ 14-16"

*10"/32-34"

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Cordyline Red Star

This strong, architectural plant is perfect for adding height, and texture and features narrow, bright burgundy leaves.

Full Sun.

6"/ 14-16" *10"/32-34"



Croton Mamey

Twisting leaves spiraling in all directions, energizes any space, leaves are loaded with an array of yellows, reds, & oranges.

Sun or Shade.

*6"/ 16-20" *8"/ 22-24"
*10"/ 26-30"



Croton Petra

Vividly marked with bright yellow, orange, and red, these exotic plants are perfect for multiple seasons.

Sun or Shade.

*6"/ 16-20" *8"/ 22-24"
*10"/ 26-30"



Dieffenbachia

Showing off lush leaves usually marked in shades of cream, yellow, or white, make Dieffenbachia a top pick for brightening shady areas.

Shade or Filtered Sun.

*6"/ 14-18" *8"/ 22-26"
*10"/ 30-32"



Dracaena Colorama

An exotic tropical with a sturdy central cane that has lush leaves growing around them. They are varicolored leaves have white and pink stripes adjacent to the green. The more intensity of indirect light, the more reddish the leaves become.

Full Sun and Part Shade.

*6"/ 15-17" *10"/ 30-32"
*8"/ 20-22"



Dracaena Lemon Lime

Whimsical and low-maintenance, with long, dark green and chartreuse striped leaves atop sturdy canes. Can be Goldstar.

Shade to Filtered Sun.

*6"/ 12-14" *8"/ 24-28"
*10"/ 32-36" *12"/ 38-40"
*14"/ 44-48"

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Dracaena Lemon-Lime Staggered

A multi-stem version of Gold Star gives height and tiered levels of foliage adding fabulous color, texture and a unique centerpiece. Can be Goldstar.

Shade or Filtered Sun.

*10"/ 5' *12"/ 6'



Dracaena Limelight

Providing elegance into the landscape with these sword-shaped leaves that emerge yellow and mature to lime green

Shade.

*6"/ 16-18" *8"/ 24-28"
 *10"/ 28-30" *12"/ 32-34"
 *14"/ 38-42"



Dracaena Marginata Staggered

The Dracaena marginata, also called the 'Madagascar Dragon Tree' has a thinner sword like green leaves with burgundy margins depending on the light.

Shade to Filtered Sun.

*10"/ 5' *14"/ 6'



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Dracaena Warneckii Staggered

Warneckii is a stand-out among Dracaenas with its multi-colored green and creamy white leaves towering on sturdy canes.

Shade to Filtered Sun.

*10"/ 5-5.5' *12"/ 6-6.5'



Fern Asparagus "Myers"

Bundles of delicate fronds, assembled from tiny star-shaped needles taper off at the tips to offer a burst of lush green. Full Heads.

Shade or Sun.

*6"/ *8"/
 *10"/ *10" HB/

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Fern Kimberly



Fern Macho



Fern Boston

Bold and beautiful, Kimberly Ferns have straight, narrow and profusely fronds. They are bet sellers for a reason! Full Heads. **Available in hanging baskets.

Shade to Sun.
 *6"/ *1gal/
 *8"/ *10"/

This big, brawny fern sports bright green fronds with bold, broad leaves that fill large spaces, easily. Full Heads. Shade to Filtered Sun.

*6"/ *8"/
 *10"/ *10" HB/

Boston, with its gracefully arching, lush green fronds makes this the perfect fern for all seasons and locations. Full Heads. Shade or Sun.

*6"/ *8"/
 *10"/ *10" HB/

In partnership with Midwest Tropical & local growers Michigan West Shore strives offer landscapers the most well-rounded experience when it comes to securing plant materials for the Spring, Summer & Fall seasons!

Call or email Kathy Fish or Jenn Washo for more information on MWS's complete line of programs-from Spring Accent to Summer Foliage and Fall Mums & Cabbages and Kales.

Remember MWS utilizes prebooks to sure quality, availability, best cost, perfect sizing, and that 'wow' factor.



Don't wait, send us your Foliage prebooks before October 1st!!



Eugenia Topiary

Add a formal touch to porches and patios with topiary two-ball Eugenia.

Shade or Sun.
 *10"/ 28-32"

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Ficus Elastica Burgundy

Robust and dramatic, the Burgundy sports large, glossy burgundy colored leaves on durable, upright stems. A unique centerpiece for summer or fall.

Sun.

*6"/ 16-18" *8"/ 18-24"
*10"/ 28-32"



Ficus Elastica Green

Admired for its bold, dark green, glossy leaves Elastica Green, lends a lush, tropical feel.

Sun.

*6"/ 16-18" *8"/ 18-24"
*10"/ 28-32"



Ficus Lyrata (bush)

Fiddle-leaf Fig features very large, heavily veined, and violin-shaped leaves that grow in a shorter bush-like form.

Shade to Filtered Sun.

*10"/ 3' *14"/ 4-5'
*17"/ 6'+



Ficus Lyrata (standard)

Fiddle-leaf Fig features very large, heavily veined, and violin-shaped leaves that grow taller, fuller and more upright.

Shade to Filtered Sun.

*10"/ 3' *14"/ 5-6'
*17"/ 6'+



Ivy Algerian (Green)

This classic Ivy has thick, shiny, deep green lobed leaves with reddish stems. Keep this trailer in all year! Full Heads.

Shade or Sun.

*4.5" *6"
*8" HB



Ivy Algerian (Variegated)

A climber with large, heart-shaped, gray-green marbled leaves with irregularly creamy white margins offer drama and color. Full Heads.

Shade or Sun.

*4.5" *6"
*8" HB

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Ivy Hedra (Green)

Balancing charm with texture, this verdant green Ivy with angular leaves and long tendrils bring a “twist” to containers. Full Heads.

Shade or Sun.

*4.5” *6”

*8” HB



Ivy Hedra (Variegated)

With glossy, dark green and creamy white or yellow variegated leaves this Ivy will add a pop of color, anywhere. Ivies are great season extenders! Full Heads.

Shade or Sun.

*4.5” *6”

*8” HB



Ivy Gold Child

A beautiful gold variegated ivy with lustrous three to five-lobed, gray-green leaves adorned with bright gold margins.

Sun.

*4.5”/ *6”/



Juncus Blue Arrow

Stiff, upright, blue-green foliage is well-suited to offer height, texture and movement to beds & containers.

Shade or Sun.

*1gal/ 12-14” *2gal/ 18-24”



Musa Banana Esentee

The Esentee’s colorful leaves arguably make this red Banana plant one of the most attractive large tropicals that adds an exotic flair!

Filtered Sun.

*10”/ 28-32” *14”/ 42-48”



Musa Banana Rojo

Huge, green leaves striped with a deep maroon red are sure to liven up your landscape and the dark red stems add even more color.

Filtered Sun.

*10”/ 28-32” *14”/ 42-48”

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Palm Sago

Want a Jurassic look? The glossy, dark green, highly structured fronds of the Sago will definitely provide this iconic impact. Shade or Filtered Sun.

*10"/24" x 24" *12"/27" x 27"
*14"/30" x 30"



Palm Windmill

Windmill Palm is a beautiful and hardy palm tree that can add a touch of tropical elegance and structure with its crown of fronds. Shade or Sun.

*3gal/ 22-24" *7gal/ 40-42"



Palm Adonidia

The Christmas Palm, with its slender gray trunk supports stiff, arching green leaves. Shade or Sun.

*14"/5-6" *17"/7-8"
*23"/8"+



Palm Cateracterum

Featuring green cane-like leaf stems and glossy, dark green pinnate leaves with long thin leaflets, Cat Palm is the granddaddy of Palms. Shade or Sun.

*10"/ 3-4' *12"/ 4-5'
*14"/5-6'



Palm Chinese Fan

A picture of elegance, Chinese Palms have broad, fan-shaped foliage carried on tall stems making it a graceful ornamental. Shade or Sun.

*10"/ 3-3.5" *14"/6-7'



Palm Majesty

Bearing long, lush green, regal fronds, this Palm is graceful and adds movement to the landscape. Shade or Sun.

*10"/ 3-4' *12"/ 4-5'
*14"/5-6' *17"/8.5"+

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Palm Neantha Bella

Parlour Palms, having an attractive and charming is made of light green fronds and have a delicate texture you'll adore.

Shade or Sun.

*6"/16-18" *8"/22-26"

*10"/28-32" *14"/ 4'



Palm Ponytail

The Ponytail Palm has a large, domed "stump" which tapers off into a thinner upper stem. From the top of the stem rosettes of long, green leaves offer a unique look.

Sun.

*6"/16-18" *10"/ 2'

*14"/3-3.5'



Palm Roebellenii

The Pygmy Date Palm will give any sun-splashed location a breezy vacay vibe with its long, arching fronds featuring slender, delicate-looking leaflets

Shade or Sun.

*10"/28-32" *14"/42-48"

*17"/5-6'



Philodendron Monstera

As the Monstera grows, its rich green leaves will develop long ribbons and holes, resembling swiss cheese, giving it a distinct, graphic appearance.

Shade to Filtered Sun.

*10"/20" *14"/30-36"



Philodendron Selloum

This Horsehead Philodendron has dark green, shiny and deeply lobed leaves that are gigantic and provide a rain forest feel.

Shade or Sun.

*6"/12-18" *8"/20-22"

*10"/22" *14"/ 34"



Pothos Golden

Let it climb, trail or grow horizontally and enjoy its lush, leafy beauty with glossy green leaves having irregular cream and yellow streaks. Full Heads.

**Available in 8"/10" hanging baskets.

Shade.

*6"/ *8"/ *10"/

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Pothos Jade

Jade Pothos shows off thick, dark green, heart-shaped leaves and is an excellent trailer. Full Heads.

**Available in 8"/10" hanging baskets.

Shade.

*6"/ *8"/

*10"/



Pothos Marble Queen

Brighten a shady location with Marble Queen having beautiful white and cream set against a tropical green. Full Heads.

**Available in 8"/10" hanging baskets.

Shade.

*6"/ *8"/

*10"/



Pothos Neon

Neon is a vibrant variety of Pothos with bright chartreuse yellow leaves and no variegation –it's electric. Full Heads.

**Available in 8"/10" hanging baskets.

Shade.

*6"/ *8"/

*10"/



Sansevieria Black Coral

This Mother-in-Law's Tongue has dense, sword-like leaves in a dark green with creamy-white striations.

Shade or Filtered Sun.

*6"/16-18" *8"/24-26"

*10"/ 26-30" *14"/34-36"



Sansevieria Laurentii

Upright sword-like leaves with mottled grey-green and creamy-yellow margins, Laurentii gives an architectural structure.

Shade or Filtered Sun.

*6"/16-18" *8"/24-26"

*10"/26-30" *14"/34-36"



Sansevieria Zeylonica

The long sword-like leaves are dark green with wavy, lighter green bands making a rugged, shabby-chic appearance.

Shade or Filtered Sun.

*6"/16-18" *8"/24-26"

*10"/26-30" *14"/34-36"

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Spathyphyllum

Having vibrant glossy leaves, and symbolic white blooms this plant's large leaves will give any space a lush jungle feeling.

Shade.

*6"/16-18"

*8"/24-26"

*10"/ 28-34"

*14"/ 40-46"



Stromanthe Triostar

Having an exotic look with its dark green leaves delightfully variegated with streaks of pink and cream also have a lovely shade of pinkish-purple on the leaves' underside.

Shade or Filtered Sun.

*6"/ 12-14"

*10"/ 2'



Succulent Agave Lurida

The beautiful long, rigid, dark green leaves with yellow margins make this Agave striking in water conscious areas.

Sun.

*6"/

*10"/Various

*14"/Various



ZZ Plant

With bright lime green new growth maturing into a striking deep purplish-black hue, this ZZ brings goth into the garden.

Shade or Filtered Sun.

*6"/10-12"

*8"/18-20"

*10"/26-28"

*12"/30-32"

*14"/33-36"

How **Top Picks** are selected:

- *Tried-and-true performers, year after year, in the Chicagoland area.
- *Top quality plant materials-disease & pest resistant.
- *Offers what landscapers need-interest, color, texture and performance.
- *New-to-market and hard-to-find plants to set our clients apart.



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