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Plant List for Tranquility Park

Obviously, where you live determines what plants to use. We're going to give you a general list to show your landscaper or nursery. We strongly recommend you show them your Tranquility Park Design Plan and get their recommendations also.

Creating a tranquil, restful garden is the key here. The best way to do this is to avoid a cluttered, harried look. Pinks, whites, blues, purples, and rose should be the main colors.

Using drifts, or multiples of each plant gives a much more calming and comfortable feeling than a bunch of different individual plants. Your gazebo has Knockout Shrub Roses (planted about 3 feet apart) on each side with Foster Holly behind the gazebo. Use just a small grouping of white annuals, like Petunias or Pansies, or perennials like Daisies or Chrysanthemums at the entrance. The white tree could be a Yoshino Cherry, Star Magnolia, or white Dogwood.

Your big trees in the yard can be Oaks, Maples, and Pines. The 3 Pines in the back corner will provide privacy for you and shelter for the birds. Notice we used 3 more Pines in a similar grouping along the far fence for a consistent look.

One or two Carefree Beauty Roses will fill the front corner with color and will draw your eye across the yard and make your yard appear larger. Plant a couple of Oaks here to shade your home in the future.

Around the pond, plant an Amur Maple to block the view from your swing to your gazebo. Try to keep one sitting area from viewing another. We would plant another Amur Maple behind your swing to eventually shade it. Use a gorgeous, purple Japanese Maple like Bloodgood, or Fireglow as a centerpiece. Also plant a Crimson Queen, Garnet, or Tamukeyama Japanese Maple next to your deck. Plant a Butterfly Bush between the big rock and the Amur Maple. Use Blue Rug Juniper or Cranberry Cotoneaster as ground covers. Put a blue Hosta like Blue Angel, Francis Williams, June, or our favorite – Touch of Class, under the Japanese Maple by your deck. Plant a little cluster of Daffodils by the big rock for a blast of spring cheer!



Plant List for Tranquility Park (continued)

Plant annuals around your swing. Each year use a different type for variety. To hide the legs of the deck, if necessary, plant a hedge of Boxwood, Helleri Holly, or Firepower Nandinas. Use Hicks Yews on each side of your entry arbor.

Over by the patio plant a bunch of Star Gazer Lilies behind the waterfall. Around the water try Regal Splendor or Guacamole Hostas. Add a Yoshino Cherry in the corner. Plant Stella Doro Daylilies at each corner of your bridge. Put a Tiger Eye Sumac in the container on the patio.

In your containers on the deck and patio, use the “thriller, filler, spiller” concept. Plant a thrilling tall plant in the center, fill around it with a compact plant, and use trailing plants to spill over the edge. Another option is one kind of plant per container, with a different color in each pot.

Notice we recommend a purple tree like Purple Plum, Forest Pansy Redbud, or Crimson King Maple on one side of the deck. On the other side, go white like a Dogwood, Cherry, or Star Magnolia.

