

# Spacing Perennials

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*There is no perfect distance to space a perennial.*

Spacing depends on:

- The plant
  - Growth rate
  - Mature size
  - Type of plant
- Budget
- The gardener
- The grow ability of the garden
- Size of garden
- Desired outcome
  - Collection
  - Massing

Massing the plants tight on center

- Instant garden
- Plants will beagle to better shade out the weeds
- Quickly becomes overgrown
- Creates more maintenance
- Harder to maintain
- Higher cost per square foot

Properly spaced:

- Mature in around 3 years
- Plants are allowed to strut their stuff
- Space to grow....space to mature
- Lower cost per square foot

On center means the distance between the centers of the plants. Annuals are spaced close together 6-8-10-12 inches or more on center. Perennials are spaces 12-16 to 18-20 to 24-30 or more inches on center.