

General Planting Considerations

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Mark Directions (North, South, East, West)

- Sun East (less hot) and moves to West (hotter)
- Mark where shade is from existing large trees & structures (house, garage, etc)
- Mark low spots, good drainage, power lines
- Evergreen trees can protect your home from wind that blows from north & west
- Deciduous trees shade on the south in summer and lose leaves to allow winter sun to warm your home
- Plan for mature height and width

Sharing My Yard with Nature

■ Have fun!

1. Draw the area you want to keep for play or picnics
2. Draw a home for nature

Here are some hints:

- What do butterflies eat? (Nectar – draw flowers)
- What do songbirds need? (Draw trees for nests & bushes for cover)
- Add berries and seeds on the bushes and seeds on flowers for songbirds
- What gives wildlife water? (Pond, birdbath)
- Draw birds & butterflies & other backyard wildlife in your yard

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