Choosing Plants that Fit Your Landscape

Today on Gardening in a Minute: choosing plants that fit your landscape.

It’s easy to find plants you like, but what about plants that fit your landscape?

Mature size is something you should carefully consider when purchasing plants. Most plants are bought when they’re young, and will grow once planted. So before buying a plant, always inquire how large it’ll be when it’s fully grown.

Resist the temptation to place new plants too close together. A newly planted landscape or bed shouldn’t be completely full. That’s ok! It’ll fill in as the plants reach their mature size.

Keep in mind that there are usually different-sized selections of plants to fit your landscape needs. Look for dwarf or smaller size when appropriate. You’ll have the look you want, without all the unnecessary pruning!

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