

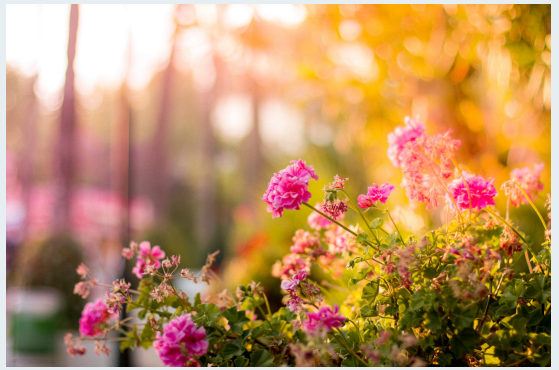
SMALL SPACE GARDENING

Sun Mapping

Sun mapping is a great exercise that will show you how sunlight and shadows affect each part of your yard. Follow these easy steps to determine which part of your property will be the perfect host for your garden.

01 *Think Spring*

Prepare to do this activity in the spring. While it is best to do sun mapping on the summer solstice (June 21), that is *after* the ideal planting time in many places. Your garden will need 6+ hours of sunlight each day.



02 *Draw*

Grab a piece of paper and some colored pencils. Create a sketch of your property. On your map, determine where you *think* your garden should be placed.

03 *Observe*

On a sunny day, step outside at 9am, 12pm, 3pm, and 6pm. At each time, sketch the shadows on your property map that are caused by buildings, fences, trees, etc.



04 *Compare and Decide*

Keeping in mind that the sun will keep moving to its highest point in the sky until midsummer, use your map to determine which part of your yard receives 6+ hours of sunlight throughout the day.