Purchasing Plants

Today on Gardening in a Minute: purchasing plants.

Spring is the time for new growth and new garden plans, and it’s exciting to contemplate a new look for your landscape.

Make a list of the growing conditions in your site and the role the plants will play in it to help you make your plant choices when you get to the nursery.

Look for a reputable nursery with a neat appearance and knowledgeable staff.

The foliage of plants you select should be evenly distributed and healthy. Avoid buying plants with weak, poorly formed, or damaged trunks and branches.

Inspect plants for disease or insects, and roots coming out the bottom of the pot, which can indicate a root-bound plant.

Finally, plant your new acquisitions correctly and water them until they’re established.

For more information about purchasing plants and many other gardening topics, contact your county extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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