

Master Gardener/UT Gardens Spring Plant Sale

Madison County Master Gardeners and UT Gardens will host a "Spring Plant Sale" on Saturday, May 5 from 7 a.m. until noon. Plants will be sold at two locations this year.

Madison County Master Gardeners will sell their plants at the Madison County Extension Complex located at 309 North Parkway, Jackson.

UT Gardens plant selections will be sold at the West TN Research & Edu-

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cation Center located at 605 Airways Blvd., Jackson.

Selections offered will include sun/shade perennials and annuals, trees, shrubs, herbs, ferns, succulents, groundcovers

and vines. Also included at the Master Gardener Plant Sale will be hand-crafted items such as hypertufa containers, leaf castings, blue bird houses, etc. Come early for best selection!

Payment is accepted by cash or check only.

For further information, contact Madison County Extension Agent; Celeste Scott at 731.668.8543 or cscott52@utk.edu.



UT Gardens' April 2018 Plant of the Month: Koreanspice viburnum
Koreanspice viburnum, or *Viburnum carlesii*, is one of the most fragrant spring-flowering shrubs you can have in the landscape. Photo courtesy H. Conlon.

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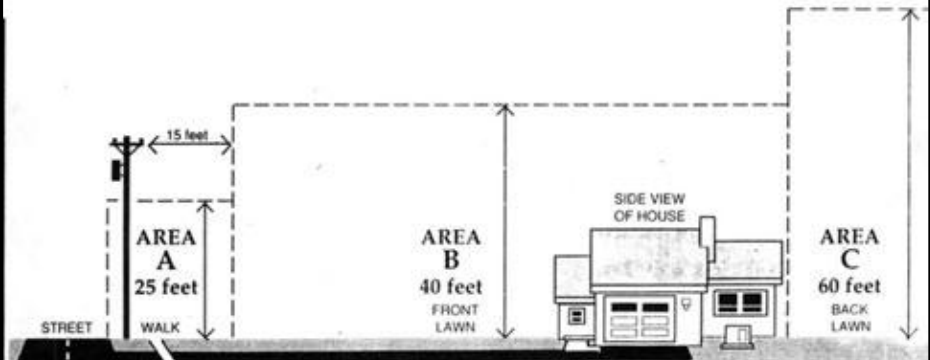
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- A** Trees That Grow Less Than 25 Feet. This area ends 15 feet away from electric utility wires. Care must be taken to prevent growth into the wires. Call us if you have any questions about planting near utility wires. Some of them carry higher voltages and may require greater clearance distances.
- B** Trees That Grow No Taller Than 40 Feet. This front area, which is mostly lawn, should be used to decorate or frame your house instead of hiding it from sight. Select your trees first, then shrubs can be added to complement the trees and the house.
- C** Trees That Grow 60 Feet in Height. Larger trees may be planted at the rear of the house if there are no power lines. Plant at least 35 feet from the house for proper root development and to prevent damage to the house.

Few of nature's gifts are as beautiful as trees. Their beauty is universally appreciated. Less well known is their importance in energy conservation. Evergreen trees planted on the north side of your home block those wintry winds. Trees that lose their leaves in winter belong on the south side. In summer they shade the house. In the winter the bare branches allow the sun to warm the home.

That's why it's so important to plan your planting to be sure the trees thrive and don't grow into a problem later, especially around power lines. It's amazing how quickly that cute little sapling can grow up and into utility lines and require drastic action for safety's sake. That's why we suggest you check with us before planting to be on the safe side. We are here to help you.



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