

Celebrate Canada's 150th Birthday with Athens Blooms

The Athens Blooms team invites residents of Athens Township to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday by planting some red and white flowers in your own front yard.

Not sure what to plant? Here are the names of the plants you will see in Athens Blooms' hanging baskets in Athens and in the planters in Athens and Charleston. You'll also find the red and white petunias in our flower beds at the community gateway signs.

All of the plants we chose are reliable, designed to give you abundant, non-stop blooms throughout the summer. All they ask is regular watering, and some soluble fertilizer added to your watering can or hose-end supply once a week. We recommend adding the fertilizer at half the recommended strength. Most plants do best in sites that get sun all day, or in mainly sunny places, but there are also some suggestions at the end for plants that tolerate shade.

For Planters:

'Angel Face Super White' angelonia - good for adding some height to the centre of a planter.

'Blizzard Red' geraniums and 'Blizzard White' geraniums – good around the centre plant; slightly trailing.

'Survivor Dark Red' geraniums – Canada red blooms, more upright than the 'Blizzard' geraniums.

'Diamond Frost' euphorbia – masses of tiny white starry blooms, good between the geraniums

'Easy Wave Red' and 'Easy Wave White' petunias – good trailing plants for the edge of a planter.

For Flower Beds:

'Silver Stream' white sweet alyssum – good as edger

'Easy Wave White' petunias and 'Easy Wave Red' petunias – good space filler: will spread up to two feet in a flower bed.

'Fresh Look Red' feather celosias – upright blooms, multi-branched.

Cleome (or Spider Plant) – tall upright plants topped with with “balls” of many outward-facing blooms.

Canna lilies – tall plants with large leaves and red flowers later on in the summer – good for background.

For Shadier Spots:

'Olympia Red' and 'Olympia White' begonias – good edger.

'King Kong' Coleus - foliage plant with red, green-edged leaves, upright growth.