

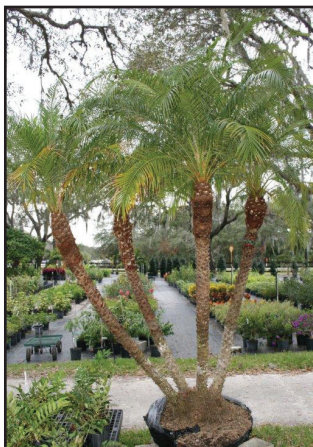


Palms! Palms! Palms!

By Jason Aguilar

Is your existing landscaping lacking the “WOW” factor or lacking a focal point? If you said yes, then a palm might be the perfect fit. There are many different types of palms and each grow and look very different from each other. So now you are probably thinking...which palm would work out the best for me? Let me explain some of the palms and some key items.

- 1. Sabal Palm** - This palm is a Florida native and can handle our winters with no problem. Sabals are the most common palm that we plant. They are very inexpensive for the overall size. We currently have Sabals that 8-12' tall with a clear trunk. They make great focal points or groupings in a landscaped island.
- 2. Sylvester Palm** - This palm is beautiful. Ours are “Diamond Cut” to give them a nice clean look. Sylvester's are fairly cold hardy. You wouldn't have to protect them in the winter here in our area. You can see these palms on I75 and SR200 in Ocala. Sylvester palms make a great focal point and can greatly change the entire look of a house.
- 3. Queen Palm** - This palm has a smooth grey trunk with feather like fronds. Queens also make a great focal point or groupings in a landscaped area and they can easily give you the tropical look around your pool area or front of the house.
- 4. Roebelenii Palm** - This is a very popular palm. Roebelenii palms can come in a single trunk or multiple trunks. This palm has a tropical look and does not grow too large.
- 5. Mule Palm** - This hybrid is a cross between a Pindo palm and a Queen palm. It is cold hardy and can give a tropical look to any yard. If you are looking for a palm that is different than your neighbors. This might be a great choice.



These are only a few that I've highlighted. We also have other varieties in stock that may work well for your area also. One of the great benefits with palms is that the root system is not invasive. You are not going to get those large surface roots that show up from Oaks or other shade trees. Another benefit is they can withstand a fair amount of wind due to them not having any real branching like some popular trees.

Overall, palms are low maintenance and drought tolerant once established and could be what you need to make your existing landscaping “POP”.

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