



## 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? So 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 have currently 8-12' tall 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. These are the same palms that are planted on the overpass of 75 and 200 in Ocala. This palm makes 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 doesn't grow too large. This palm also makes a great focal point in the landscape and can give you the right height you might be looking for.
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”.

Hopefully this will help you decide on which palm or palms would work best for you. You are always welcome to stop in and take a look at the stock we have. We offer delivery and planting for any sizes. So come in, meet our friendly staff and pick out your new palm.

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