

WINTER BLOOMS

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Your landscape does not have to stop performing after summer fades. Use the following perennials and shrubs to extend visual interest throughout the winter months:

Encore Azaleas

Unlike traditional azaleas, Encores will bloom up to 3 times a year if planted and tended to properly. You will see these blooming in late January/mid February and again in summer, and fall. They come in a variety of colors and sizes, to suit your needs.



Camellias

These shrubs are slow growing but worth the wait when they come into full bloom, Sasanquas in mid fall through early winter and Japonicas in mid winter through spring. Also available in a wide variety of colors and sizes.



Japanese Magnolia

Also known as Saucer Magnolia and Tulip Magnolia, this beautiful specimen tree puts on quite the display in mid to late winter (Jan-Feb). The mass of large pale pink to reddish purple blooms are fragrant and appear before the foliage, which makes the visual effect more striking.



Homestead Purple Verbena

This hardy perennial groundcover blooms periodically throughout the year, beginning in late January through mid February with a peak show stopping bloom around Easter. Looks great paired with pansies and dusty millers.



Ornamental Cabbage

These annual bedding plants are grown for their attractive foliage in a variety of colors and leaf shapes. They make a striking effect in the landscape paired with pansies, snapdragons & diathus. They will start blooming or 'bolting' in late spring as they near the end of their life cycle. Plant in the fall and they will persist through winter into the spring.



Blanket flower

This is a wonderful perennial for Northeast Louisiana gardens, performing through all seasons. It is semi-evergreen and blooms several times a year, even in November/December and again in February through summer and into the fall. The cheerful orangey-yellow blooms never disappoint.

