

Trees

- Landscape with trees for added drama
- Plant for brilliant fall color
- Create a spectacular springtime show of blooms



Dogwood blossoms seem to float in midair when the tree is in full bloom.

In the Landscape

Use dogwood in a naturalistic landscape as you would find it in the wild, setting saplings among existing trees at random, no closer than 15 feet apart. Four or five dogwoods drifted naturally across a lot will create a free-form sweep of bloom and foliage. Dogwoods may also be used as foundation plantings if they are at least 10 to 15 feet from the house and not in direct afternoon sun. They will provide some flowers at eye level to soften architectural lines.

Flowering dogwood is also a good tree to plant around shaded patios or on terraced hillsides. Drift them informally along the length of a driveway and place a splendid specimen in the curve of an entry walkway. Several trees drifted informally will frame a space within an open lawn and naturally create an enclosure with their trunks. While these trees are a good height for use under power lines, they suffer under the full sun that accompanies such locations.