

Seasonal Color Plantings for Vibrant Ankeny Landscaping

Create landscapes that provide continuous visual interest throughout Iowa's distinct seasons with carefully planned succession planting and strategic color combinations. Lark Landscape's [Ankeny landscaping](#) seasonal color programs ensure your property maintains vibrant appeal from snow-melt through first frost, utilizing both permanent plantings and seasonal rotation installations to maximize impact and extend blooming periods. Our color design philosophy considers bloom timing, plant heights, foliage textures, and maintenance requirements to create sophisticated, ever-changing landscape displays.

Winter interest often receives inadequate attention in landscape planning, yet provides crucial visual appeal during Iowa's extended cold season. We incorporate winter-berry holly with bright red fruits that persist through snow cover, dogwood species with colorful bark ranging from bright red to golden yellow, ornamental grasses like feather reed grass whose seed heads catch snow and create striking silhouettes, and evergreen shrubs including boxwood and yew that maintain structure and color. Strategically placed evergreen trees provide green backdrops that make winter elements more prominent.

Spring emergence creates anticipation and excitement after winter's dormancy. Our spring color palette includes early-blooming bulbs—crocuses and snowdrops for February color, followed by daffodils and tulips in March and April, and late-season alliums for May interest. Flowering trees like serviceberry, redbud, and ornamental cherries provide overhead canopy color, while spring-blooming shrubs including forsythia, spirea, and azaleas add mid-level interest. We coordinate bloom timing to ensure overlapping color periods and avoid gaps in seasonal display.

Summer color programs utilize both perennial plants and annual rotation plantings to maintain continuous color through Iowa's hot, sometimes dry summer months. Perennial workhorses include purple coneflower, black-eyed Susan, bee balm, and daylilies for reliable, low-maintenance color. Annual rotation areas feature heat-tolerant species like petunias, marigolds, begonias, and coleus that provide intensive color from spring planting through first frost. We design irrigation systems specifically to support these higher-maintenance color areas while minimizing water waste.

Fall displays celebrate autumn's spectacular color potential through carefully selected tree species including sugar maple, red oak, and ginkgo for canopy color, combined with late-blooming perennials like asters, mums, and ornamental kale. Ornamental grasses reach peak beauty in fall, with fountain grass, maiden grass, and little bluestem providing movement and texture that persists into winter. Our fall installations often include seasonal container displays featuring pumpkins, gourds, and cold-tolerant annuals for doorway and patio accent areas. Visit our [Ankeny landscaping page](#) to explore seasonal color galleries, download bloom-time calendars, and request a consultation for year-round color planning tailored to your preferences and maintenance goals.