

# Hints *For* Homeowners

## Prime Planting Options For Tough-To-Grow Areas

(NAPSA)—No matter how green their thumbs, many homeowners have areas in their landscapes that are beyond frustrating. In those dark, rocky or high-traffic areas, nothing will grow.

A key solution for filling in these unfriendly terrains are plants known as ground covers. This type of greenery typically sprawls, spreads, runs or colonizes by reseeding. Some ground covers will only grow in full shade, others thrive in full sun and still others will survive no matter where you grow them.

Ground covers come in a wide range of sizes, colors and textures, adding interest, beauty and uniformity to the garden. And once established, these plants usually require little or no maintenance other than a yearly feeding with a good all-purpose fertilizer.

For example, the new line of Forever & Ever GroundCovers can be an excellent solution to a homeowner's gardening headaches. Available in over 25 unique varieties, these plants can be a great way to give your landscape a boost.

Shady areas under trees or overhangs from the house often get neglected because they don't get enough sunlight for any plant to thrive. Ground covers solve that problem with several options that will grow green and dense in these areas. For instance, vinca minor varieties are short evergreen ground covers that flower throughout the early spring.

There are also several ground covers in this program that offer tough resistance in high-traffic areas where plants would nor-



**Ground covers can be an effective way to fill in tough-to-grow parts of the landscape.**

mally get damaged. The Platt's Black Brass Buttons is a smart choice along walkways or in between stepping-stones. Ground covers like these offer a visually interesting way to decorate an entrance to your home other than turfgrass.

Perhaps the most exciting aspect of the Forever & Ever GroundCover line is that all the distinctive plants in the collection are perennials. This means that home gardeners will be able to enjoy their plantings year after year, without worrying about these tough areas the following spring.

This new ground cover collection offers numerous alternatives to traditional gardening and landscaping. These creeping perennials can help keep home gardeners happy for years to come. Forever & Ever GroundCovers are available at fine home centers and independent garden centers.