

Light conditions and their definitions:

*Dense shade / Deep shade* - shade so deep that no shadows are cast, an absence of sunlight - can occur between buildings and in wooded areas with a dense canopy.

*Full shade* - no direct sun - can be the north side of a structure or the result of a mature stand of trees.

*Partial shade / Dappled shade* - filtered light found beneath trees with high limbs and under trees with sparse foliage. Partial shade usually offers some protection from direct afternoon sun.

*Partial sun* - a daily minimum of four (4) to six (6) hours of sun.

*Full sun* - a daily minimum of six (6) hours of *direct* sun.

The northern and eastern sides of a structure receive the least amount of light, with the northern exposure being the shadiest. The western and southern sides of a structure are considered the hottest exposures due to intense afternoon sun.

Buildings on adjacent properties, large trees and other factors can alter these conditions. Taking time to map sun and shade patterns throughout the day will help you determine your particular needs.