Differences in Petunias

Once upon a time, a petunia was simply a petunia. While there are still petunias, it has become a more complex story.



Regular Petunias - "The Originals"

- The petunias we have known for years are the grandiflora or floribunda types which grow 12-15" tall and spread 15-18".
- They have large 3" flowers.
- They are best used in flower beds (too leggy for pots).
- An example would be the *Madness* series we carry.



Compact Petunias

- This class of petunias is naturally compact. They grow 6-10" tall, spread 12", and do not flop or get open centers.
- They have large 3-3.5" flowers.
- Their tight, compact habit is great for small planters. They also work nicely in hanging baskets or flower beds.
- These include the Limbo and Mambo series.



Trailing Petunias

- The trailing petunias grow 6-12" tall and spread/trail 2 to 3.5 feet. They don't fall open and are a solid carpet of color.
- They have large 2.5-3.5" flowers.
- Their large, trailing habit is great for hanging baskets, bigger planters, flower beds, and window boxes.
- These include the Wave, Supertunia, Headliner, Sweetunia series.
- **Note:** Wave and Supertunia are brand names of trailing petunias. Just as Levi is one brand name of blue jeans, Wave and Supertunia are brands of trailing petunias. We carry a wide variety of brands for a wide variety of colors.



Mouding Petunias

- These are a half-pint version of the trailing petunias. They grow the same 6-10" tall but only trail/spread about 18".
- They have large 3" flowers.
- Their compact, mounding habit works great for planters or hanging baskets when you don't need the big, long flowing habit. Also nice in flower beds.
- These include the Cannon Ball and Starlet series.



Mini Trailing Petunias

- Officially known as Calibrachoa, these grow 6-10" tall and spread/trail 12-15".
- They are loaded with 1-1.5" flowers.
- They are great for hanging baskets, planters, or window boxes. These do not work well in flower beds.
- These include the *Cabaret, MiniFamous,* and *Superbells* series.

For Best Results: Petunias require the lower acid fertilizer, Plant Marvel 18-6-18. Petunias are like teenage boys--always hungry!-- so feed them at least one teaspoon fertilizer per gallon of water every time you water.

