

Walt Disney World Resort Landscape Facts

Total acreage of Walt Disney World Resort:25,000

That's equal to 40 square miles, or twice the size of Manhattan island.

Total acreage devoted to maintained landscapes and gardens:4,200

The gardens of Walt Disney World Resort represent everything from a dry desert to a tropical rain forest.

Number of roses planted in the landscape:Nearly 13,000

Removing spent blooms in the rose gardens requires a good day's work each week — More than 400 hours per year.

Number of shrubs maintained in the landscape:More than 4 million

In Le Notre garden at the France showcase, 985 shrubs were used to create a *parterre de broderie*, or embroidered pattern.

Number of interior plants used each year:8,500

The largest and most diverse garden of interior plants can be found in the atrium lobby of Disney's Polynesian Village Resort.

Total number of plant species represented:More than 3,000

The species represent flora gathered from every continent except Antarctica.

Number of hanging baskets displayed at one time:More than 800

It takes 50 to 75 four-inch plants to create just one colorful poinsettia ball for the holiday season.

Number of hanging baskets produced each year:About 4,000

On average, each basket is in production for three months and "on stage" for three months.

Number of topiary:More than 200

As many as 20 different plants, flowers, mosses and lichens are used to create topiaries.

Total acres of maintained turf:2,000

At three mowings a week, that adds up to 450,000 mowing miles per year or 18 trips around Earth at the equator.

Number of beneficial insects released to control plant pests per year:10.5 million

A single adult predatory beetle (*Delphastus pusilius*) can eat up to 500 white fly eggs a day.

Total horticultural staff:More than 600

This diverse group of professionals includes gardeners, arborists, irrigation specialists and pest management specialists.