Native Plant Vendors

Lenexa strives to promote true native plants as we feel they best serve all of the goals of promoting water quality, reducing use of resources, and providing habitat for native insects and pollinators.

Many native plants have been bred to change and enhance certain qualities such as color or size. These are called ‘cultivars’. The key to knowing if you have a cultivar or not is in the scientific name on the plant label. True native plants have two parts to the scientific name and cultivars have three. For example a native purple coneflower has the scientific name “Echinacea purpurea” a common cultivar coneflower found in many retail stores has a name such as “Echinacea purpurea ‘Bright Star’.”

Please take care in selecting your plants. It is important that you submit your plan and discuss it with city staff before making your purchase.

The following list represents some of the area plant sales and retailers who specialize in native plants.

Native plant sale events

- **Saturday, April 3, 3:30–7:30 p.m.** – Anita B. Gorman Discovery Center, 4750 Troost Ave., Kansas City, MO
- **Saturday, April 14, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** – Kansas City Community Gardens, 6917 Kensington Ave., Kansas City, MO.
- **Saturday, April 21, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.** – Anita B. Gorman Discovery Center, 4750 Troost Ave., Kansas City, MO.
- **Saturday, April 28, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** – Backyard Bird Center, 6212 NW Barry Road, Kansas City, MO.
- **Saturday, May 5, 8 a.m. to noon** – Lenexa Farmers Market, 17101 W. 87th St. Pkwy., Lenexa, KS.
- **Saturday, May 19, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.** – Anita B. Gorman Discovery Center, 4750 Troost Ave, Kansas City, MO.
- **Saturday, June 2, time TBA** – K-State Research and Extension, 2110 Harper St., Lawrence, KS.
- **Saturday, Sept. 15, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** – Anita B. Gorman Discovery Center, 4750 Troost Ave, Kansas City, MO.

Exclusively native plant storefront vendors

- **CritSite/Critical Site Products** – 16245 U.S. Highway 71, Belton, MO – 816.331.9738
- **Green Thumb Gardens/Down to Earth Services** – 16010 E. 85th St., Kansas City, MO – dtekcm – 816.207.7960
- **Happy Apples Farm** – 17524 178th St., Tonganoxie, KS – happyapplesfarm.com – 816.260.6417
- **Prairie Whisper Gardens** – 23811 W. 207th St., Spring Hill, KS – prairiewhispergardens.com – 913.485.7186
- **Sow Wild Natives** – 6201 Noland Rd., Kansas City, MO – sowwildnatives.com – 816.974.6201
Exclusively native plant online vendors

- Missouri Wildflowers Nursery — mowildflowers.net
- Native Wildflowers & Seeds — ionxchange.com
- Gaylena’s Garden — gaylenasgarden.com
- Prairie Nursery — prairienursery.com
- Prairie Moon Nursery — prairiemoon.com

Other plant vendors
Limited selections are available at these locations. Because only true natives are reimbursable under Lenexa’s Cost Share Program, use caution when making your purchase.

- Vinland Valley Nursery — 1606 N. 600 Road, Baldwin, KS — 785.594.2966
- Rolling Meadows Landscape & Garden Center — 12501 W. 151st St., Olathe, KS — 913.897.9500
- Colonial Gardens — 27610 E. Wyatt Road, Blue Springs, MO — 816.229.1277

Online resources to help with plant identification

- grownative.org/native-plant-info/plant-picker
- plants.usda.gov/checklist.html
- kswildflower.org
- kansasnativeplants.com/guide/plant_search.php
- missouribotanicalgarden.org/plantfinder/plantfindersearch.aspx
- prairienursery.com
- prairiemoon.com