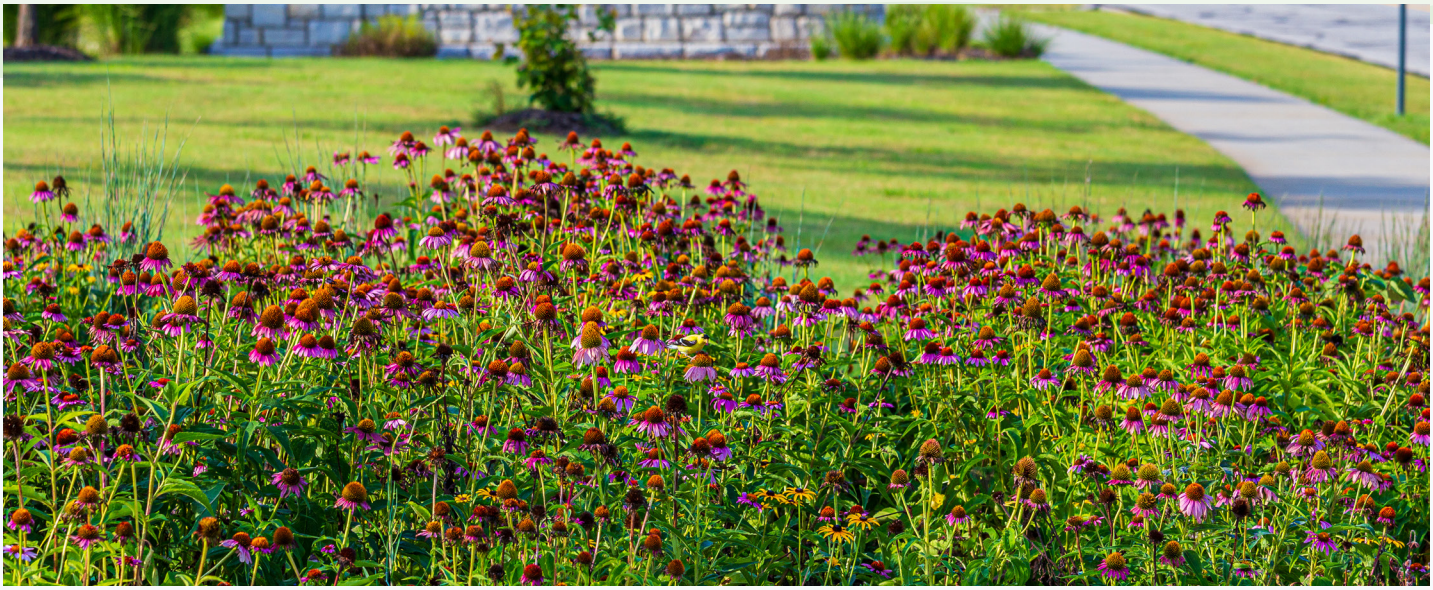
Native Plant Vendors



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 retails 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, March 11, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. —** Healthy Yards Expo, Shawnee Civic Centre, 13817 Johnson Dr., Shawnee, KS
- **Saturday, April 15, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. —** Anita B. Gorman Discovery Center, 4750 Troost Ave., Kansas City, MO
- **Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. —** Metropolitan Community College – Longview Campus, 500 SW Longview Rd., Lee's Summit, MO
- **Saturday, April 29, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. —** Shawnee Indian Mission, 3403 W. 53rd St., Fairway, KS (Shop in person or pickup preorder before April 26 and pick up at sale. Benefits Shawnee Indian Mission Foundation. Preorder info at mowildflowers-net.3dcartstores.com.)
- **Saturday, May 13, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. —** Anita B. Gorman Discovery Center, 4750 Troost Ave., Kansas City, MO
- **Saturday, May 20, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. —** Lenexa Farmers Market, 17201 W. 87th St. Pkwy., Lenexa, KS

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Exclusively native plant online vendors

- **Missouri Wildflowers Nursery** — MOWildflowers.net
- **Native Wildflowers & Seeds** — ionxchange.com
- **Prairie Nursery** – PrairieNursery.com
- **Prairie Moon Nursery** – PrairieMoon.com

Online resources to help with plant identification

- GrowNative.org/native-plant-database
- Plants.USDA.gov
- KSWildflower.org
- KansasNativePlants.com/guide/plant_search.php
- MissouriBotanicalGarden.org/plantfinder/plantfindersearch.aspx
- PrairieNursery.com
- DeepRoots.org

Exclusively native plant storefront vendors

City Roots Nursery – 3037 Woodland Ave., Kansas City, MO • 573.619.1920 or 913.485.2261 • CityRootsNursery.com

CritSite/Critical Site Products – 16245 U.S. Highway 71, Belton, MO • 816.331.9738 • CritSite.com

Green Thumb Gardens/Down to Earth Services • 1001 E. 39th St., Kansas City, MO • 816.207.7960 • dtekc.com

Parsons' Gardens – Olathe, KS • Jay Parsons • 402.657.6929 • ParsonsGardens.com

Sow Wild Natives • 6201 Noland Rd., Kansas City, MO • 816.974.6201 • SowWildNatives.com