

MIDDLESEX CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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2020 Spring Plant Sale

Friday 4/24 (3-6 pm)/Saturday 4/25 (8am-noon) Order deadline March 31

Kimball Farm, 400 Littleton Road
(Rt. 110) Westford, MA 01886

The Middlesex Conservation District is a not for profit environmental agency, dedicated to protecting soils and waters in Middlesex County. We hold plant sales twice a year to raise money for our programs.

GARDEN SUPPLIES

Damminix Tick Tubes

Damminix Tick Tubes® are biodegradable, cardboard tubes filled with environmentally safe permethrin treated cotton balls. Mice collect the cotton to build their nests. Deer ticks that feed on mice in the spring and fall are exposed to permethrin and killed. Mice, other mammals and your land are unharmed. Box of 6 tubes treats 1/8 acre of "mouse habitat" (densely planted garden beds, brushy areas, stone walls, etc.). For more complete instructions visit www.ticktubes.com.

Box of 6 tubes \$25
Box of 24 tubes \$65

Cedar Bluebird House

Crafted of rot and insect resistant cedar, these nest boxes are designed for Eastern Bluebirds. These feature a predator guard, raised mesh floor, air vent and cleanout doors and measure 12" x 8.1" x 5.5", with option for pole or flush mount. More info will be included with purchase; please see www.sialis.org for lots of great bluebird advice!

\$25

Black Gold

Improve your soil and fertilize your plants with Great Brook Farm's composted cow manure. Composted for over a year, and ready to use now. Bags of approximately 40 lb. sold by volume, not weight. (Our volunteers will help you load bags into your car).

\$8/bag

Neptune's Harvest Hydrolyzed Fish Fertilizer (made in MA)

Organic fertilizer made in MA from fresh North Atlantic fish. Processed to retain vitamins, enzymes, hormones and micronutrients, low odor formula. Concentrate; makes 16 gallons.

16oz concentrate \$15

Rain Barrel

Our 60 gallon rain barrels are made in MA from refurbished food grade barrels. The barrel comes complete with overflow fittings, drain plug, screw on cover, and a threaded spigot with a choice of two ports to use with either a watering can or a garden hose. \$80

Fertilizer Tablets 12-12-12 10 gram slow release tablets supply major nutrients needed by establishing plants for up to two years. Use 1 tablet at planting for all seedlings and transplants, 2 for established plants 6" and larger, and 1 tablet per half inch diameter for trees.
15 tablets/\$5

SHRUBS AND TREES

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Featured Offering: Oakleaf Hydrangea 'Ruby Slippers' (*Hydrangea quercifolia*)

N/S/PS

'Ruby Slippers' is a compact variety of native oakleaf hydrangea, reaching 5' x 5'. White flowers open in summer, turn pink and mature to deep red. A great selection for borders where the species is too large. **Quart pot \$13**

American Arborvitae (*Thuja occidentalis*) N/S/PS
Native evergreen tree 20'-40' tall, vertical form, frequently used in hedges, windbreaks, borders; grows 1'-2' per year.
8"-14" seedlings 5/\$13

American Cranberrybush (*Viburnum trilobum*) N/S/PS
Large native shrub 8'-12', showy white flowers, edible red berries used to make jellies, jams. Attracts birds, butterflies.
12"-18" seedlings 3/\$8

American Hazelnut (*Corylus americana*) N/S/PS
Large native shrub with edible nuts, also very attractive to birds, mammals. Excellent fall color.
8"-14" seedlings 3/\$8

Black Elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*) N/S/PS
Native shrub 5'-12', moist soil, large white flower clusters in spring produce cluster of edible fruit used in pies, jams, wine. Attracts birds and wildlife. **12"-18" seedlings 3/\$7**

Blackhaw Viburnum (*V. prunifolium*) N/S/PS
Large shrub, can be trained as small tree, showy white flower clusters followed by edible fruits, attracts birds, wildlife.
18"-24" seedlings 3/\$11

Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*) N/S/PS
Native shrub 5'-12', happy in average to swampy soil, sun or part shade. Spiky round white flowers are very attractive to birds and butterflies.
2.5" pot \$5

Clematis 'Freda' (*Clematis montana*) S/PS
Vine to 15'-20', bright pink flowers, bronzy foliage. Montana type clematis are very easy to grow, and quickly cover a fence, pergola, etc. Best in full sun with roots in light shade.
3" pot \$14

Dwarf Fothergilla (*Fothergilla gardenii*) N/S/PS
Small native shrub to 3', white bottlebrush flowers, bluish green leaves, excellent fall color.
2.5" pot \$5

Honeysuckle 'Major Wheeler' (*L. sempervirens*) N/S
Native vine with prolific tubular red flowers, attracts hummingbirds, 8'-10'.
Quart \$14

Littleleaf MockOrange (*Philadelphus microphyllus*) N/S
Native shrub with very fragrant white flowers in spring, 4'-6', tolerates salt, drought once established. No soggy soils.
Quart \$14

New Jersey Tea (*Ceanothus americanus*) N/S/PS
Small native shrub 3'-4', cluster of small fragrant white flowers, great pollinator plant, blooms late spring to summer.
2.5" pot \$5

Pagoda Dogwood (*Cornus alternifolia*) N/S/PS
Native tree 15'-25', distinctive tiered horizontal branches with white flowers in spring, attracts birds, pollinators. Nice bluish black berries loved by wildlife (not edible).
12"-18" seedlings 3/\$10

Purple Flowering Raspberry (*Rubus odoratus*) N/S/PS
Native shrub, fruit technically edible but not tasty, bears fragrant 2" pinkish purple flowers resembling rose blossoms.
12"-18" seedlings 3/\$10

Pussy Willow (*Salix discolor*) N/S/PS
Native multistemmed shrub 6'-15', ornamental fuzzy catkins in spring, prefers moist soil.
12"-18" seedlings 3/\$8

Red Chokeberry (*Aronia arbutifolia*) N/S/PS
Great native replacement for invasive burning bush; white flowers, small red fruits (not edible), red fall color, 6'-10'
12"-18" seedlings 3/\$7

Spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*) N/S/PS
Native shrub 6'-12', yellow flowers in March, yellow fall color, attracts birds, butterflies. Host for spicebush swallowtail.
12"-18" seedlings 3/\$8

Sweetbay Magnolia (*M. virginiana*) N/S/PS
Attractive native tree 25'-30'; showy white flowers, red berries that hold through winter, nice fall color; thorny stems.
3" pot \$7

Virginia Sweetspire 'Henry's Garnet' (*Itea virginica*) N/S/PS
Native shrub 3'-4', white flower spikes May-June, excellent fall color.
3" pot \$8

Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*) N/S/PS
Native deciduous holly 5'-12', average to wet soil, numerous bright red berries in clusters over the winter, great for birds.
12"-18" seedlings 5/\$12

FRUITS/EDIBLES

(For specifics on growing fruit plants, visit <https://www.noursefarms.com/growing-corner/planting-guide/>)

Asparagus 'Jersey Knight'

Vigorous all male variety, disease resistant. Space 12" apart in 6" deep furrows in a sunny location. Fill in as spears grow until furrows are filled. Water well first year.

25 crowns/\$19

Raspberry 'Caroline'

Summer bearing variety, consistently dependable. Excellent winter hardiness, suitable for fresh eating, jams, freezing. Space 18"-24" apart.

10 bare root plants/\$32

Blackberry 'Chester'

Thornless summer bearing variety with large sized berries. Recommended for home gardeners. Space 3'-4' apart.

5 bare root plants/\$28

Rhubarb 'Macdonald'

Vigorous strain with large tender stalks, selected for home gardeners.

Bare root division \$12

Blueberry 'Bluegold/Blueray'

One of each for best cross-pollination and fruit production. Both are midseason varieties adapted for winter hardiness, reaching 4-5' in height. Soil pH must be 4.5-4.8. Space 4'-5' apart.

One of each variety, 18"-30"/\$28

Strawberry 'Honeoye'

June bearing early midseason variety great for beginners and home gardeners; hardy and productive.

25 bare root plants/\$12

GROUNDCOVERS

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Barren Strawberry (*Waldsteinia ternata*)

Strawberry like foliage, yellow flowers April – June, 3"-6", nice for edging as well.

2.5" pot \$5

S/PS/Sh

Goldenstar (*Chrysogonum vir. v. australe*)

Eastern US native, bright yellow flowers May-October, 6", OK in sun if soil never dries out.

2.5" pot \$5

N/PS/Sh

Blue Wood Sedge (*Carex flaccosperma*)

Eastern US native, attractive clumps of blue green leaves to 10", average to wet soils. Happy even in heavy shade.

2.5" pot \$5

N/PS/Sh

Meehan's Mint (*Meehania cordata*)

Eastern US native, mat forming perennial 3"-6", purple flowers May-June, OK in sun if soil never dries out.

2.5" pot \$5

N/PS/Sh

Creeping Thyme 'Nutmeg' (*Thymus praecox*)

Durable evergreen groundcover 2"-4", pink flowers, aromatic foliage, can also be used in between stepping stones, tolerates light foot traffic.

2.5" pot \$5

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Woodland Phlox (*Phlox divaricata*)

Eastern US native, 6"-12", light purple flowers April-May, attracts bees, butterflies.

2.5" pot \$5

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PERENNIALS

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Native Late Season Pollinator Garden - \$25

This collection contains native plants that provide valuable late season nectar for pollinators – bees, butterflies, etc – and a burst of color for your garden after the spring blooms have passed. All are best grown in sun in average to moist soil. All are in 2.5" pots:

Aster 'October Skies' (*Aster oblongifolius*) – 2', sun, deep blue violet flowers Aug-Oct

Boltonia 'Snowbank' (*Boltonia asteroides*) – 4', sun, white flowers Aug-Sept

Culver's Root (*Veronicastrum virg. Albo Roseum*) – 4'-6', sun, pinkish white flower spikes July-Aug

Ironweed (*Veronina fasciculata*) – 2'-4', sun, purple flowers Jul -Sept

Joe Pye Weed 'Gateway' (*Eupatorium maculatum*) – 4'-5', sun, mauve pink flowers July-Sept

Sweet Coneflower (*Rudbeckia tomentosa*) – 3'-5', yellow flowers July-Oct

DAYLILIES S

Long lived, low maintenance, easy perennials for sun, flowering in summer. Indestructible. All sold as bare root plants.

‘Big Time Happy’	18”, 4” canary yellow flowers	\$5
‘Pardon Me’	18”, 3” burgundy red flowers, reblooms	\$6
‘South Seas’	30”, 5” coral flowers, prolific blooming	\$6
‘Diva’s Choice’	24”, bright pink 5” flowers, ruffled yellow edge	\$9

HOSTAS PS/Sh

Hostas are low maintenance plants for part to full shade. Bare root divisions, choose landscape pack or ‘Brother Stefan’:

Landscape Pack: Included are: **‘Francee’** (14”, green/white edging), **‘First Frost’** (16”, blue green leaves, gold margins) **‘Fragrant Bouquet’** (20”, lt green/cream edging), **‘Minuteman’** (18”, deep green bright white wide edges), **‘Paul’s Glory’** (24”, gold leaves with green margin), and **‘Velvet Moon’** (18”, green with very wide gold edging) **6/\$25**

Hosta ‘Brother Stefan’ – Giant variety, 2’ tall x 4’ wide, wavy dark green leaves heavily marked with bright gold center. Takes several years to reach mature size. **\$9**

Aster ‘Snow Flurry’ (*Aster ericoides*) **N/S/PS**
Native aster, very short, 6”-8” tall, mat of attractive foliage followed by a carpet of white flowers in Aug-Sept.
2.5” pot \$5

Mountain Mint (*Pycnanthemum muticum*) **N/S/PS**
Native wildflower 2’-3’, small pink flowers with silvery bracts July-Sept, aromatic foliage, attracts bees, butterflies.
2.5” pot \$5

Astilbe ‘Happy Spirit’ (*Astilbe x*) **PS**
Dark foliage, red stems, and upright fluffy white flower spikes early summer, needs moist soil, 2’.
Bare root division \$5

Ornamental Rhubarb (*Rheum palmatum v tanguticum*) **S/PS**
Dramatic architectural perennial; big clump of spiky foliage 4’ tall and wide, towering spikes of pink flowers to 7’. **NOT EDIBLE!** Needs moist soil.
Quart \$13

Celandine Poppy (*Stylophorum diphylllum*) **N/PS/Sh**
Native woodland poppy 12”-18”, yellow flowers April-May, attractive foliage, needs moist soil. **2.5” pot \$6**

Penstemon ‘War Axe’ (*P. grandiflorus*) **N/S/PS**
Native perennial, 2’-3’, gray green foliage, large tubular flowers are pink, purple, rose or white. Dry soil once established.
2.5” pot \$5

Coneflower ‘Mellow Yellows’ (*E. purpurea*) **N/S**
Variety of native purple coneflower but in mixed yellow colors; flowers can range from pale yellow to deep gold, 2’.
3” plug \$5

Perennial Sunflower ‘Lemon Queen’ (*Helianthus*) **N/S**
Large native perennial, forms a bushy clump 6’-7’, covered with bright yellow 2” daisies late summer to fall, attracts bees and butterflies.
2.5” pot \$5

Fern ‘Lady in Red’ (*Athyrium filix femina*) **N/PS/Sh**
Selection of native lady fern, 18”-30”, bright green lacy foliage contrasts with dark red stems.
2.5” pot \$6

Pink Wood Sorrel (*Oxalis crassipes v rosea*) **PS/Sh**
Small perennial, forms a mound 10”-12”, pink flowers over most of the season, shamrock shaped leaves. **2.5” pot \$6**

Geranium ‘Espresso’ (*G. maculatum*) **N/S/PS**
‘Espresso’ is an unusual selection of native spotted geranium with chocolate colored foliage and lavender flowers, 2’.
2.5” pot \$7

Rattlesnake Master (*Eryngium yuccifolium*) **N/S**
Unusual wildflower, upright pointy leaves with spiky balls of white flowers reaching 4’-6’, very dramatic!
2.5” pot \$5

Golden Columbine (*Aquilegia chrysantha*) **N/S/PS**
Native perennial to 3’, long spurred bright yellow flowers in early spring, attracts butterflies. **2.5” pot \$5**

Sedum ‘Plum Dazzled’ (*Sedum x*) **S**
Low growing variety 12”, dark plum purple foliage the entire season, raspberry pink flower clusters late summer.
3” plug \$8

Grayheaded Coneflower (*Ratibida pinnata*) **N/S**
Tall native 3’-5’, yellow flowers with long trailing petals from June-Aug, attracts butterflies. **2.5” pot \$5**

Siberian Iris ‘Miss Apple’ (*Iris sibirica*) **S/PS**
Ruffled reddish violet petals, very unusual color in Siberian iris, 30” tall. (A local! Bred in Carlisle) **Bare root division \$6**

Hellebore ‘Brandywine’ (*Helleborus orientalis*) **PS/Sh**
Dramatic plant for shade, flowers in April can be white, pink or purple, evergreen foliage, 12”-18”. **2.5” pot \$8**

Tall Tickseed ‘Gold Standard’ (*Coreopsis tripteris*) **N/S**
Tall native wildflower, 5’, covered with small yellow flowers July to Sept, never flops, attracts bees, butterflies.
2.5” pot \$5

Heuchera ‘Spellbound’ (*Heuchera x*) **PS/Sh**
Foliage plant, silvery ruffled foliage, near black leaf veins, develops rosy purple highlights as season progresses, 12”.
3” plug \$9

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Support Local Conservation! When you purchase plants from us, your money works twice. Your support allows the Middlesex Conservation District to:

- Partner with other agencies and organizations to solve natural resource concerns
- Co-sponsor and help organize the Massachusetts Envirothon, an environmental competition challenging high school students with real-life natural resource problem-solving situations
- Sponsor workshops
- Provide soil maps of Middlesex County cities and towns
- Assist residents with natural resource questions
- Promote local agriculture.

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