



**Blueville
Nursery, Inc.**
Complete Landscape Service

"Beautifying your neighborhood
one yard at a time since **1933**"

www.bluevillenursery.com

Store Hours

**Monday-Saturday:
8 a.m.-5 p.m.**

4539 Anderson Ave
Manhattan KS 66503
Garden Store 785-539-2217
Landscape Office 785-539-2671

Blueville Nursery Garden Store was established in the spring of 1970 as an extension of our full landscape services. We have been providing Manhattan and the surrounding areas with quality annuals, nursery stock and gardening supplies ever since. Open year round with an assortment of products to match each season.



With over 50 years of experience, Blueville prides itself on creating personal relationships and greeting every customer with a friendly smile. Our top notch customer service has resulted in life long customers from generation to generation.

"Even the tiniest of flowers can have the toughest roots" - Shannon Mullen

April 2026

Garden Store Newsletter

Katie's Korner



Katie's work in the industry began in 2002. Her degrees were completed at KSU in Business Marketing and Horticulture – Landscape Design by 2009. Katie came to Blueville in January of 2017 and is now the Garden Store Manager and Division Head.

April Overview:

April 3-4th was the Easter Weekend Greenhouse Sale at Blueville.

Saturday, April 11th 10 a.m. local bird expert, Chuck Otte presented on Helping Birds through the Summer.

Mid-April is the typical time to start setting out hummingbird feeders.

April 17-18th was the yearly Geranium Sale to remember Dorothy Westervelt, Lindy Doza and supports breast cancer research.

April 20-25th was the Arbor Day Tree Sale Week. Earth Day was April 22nd, and Arbor Day was April 24th.

Saturday, April 25th Speedscapes was held from 9 am. to noon at Blueville with the landscape designers. Attendees had reserved a 20 minute session with a landscape designer to discuss quick projects.

Run for Roses was also held on Saturday, April 25th at KSU Gardens. Blueville was a sponsor and had a team run in the race.

Contact UFM about the Manhattan Community Gardens locations to rent more square footage for gardening projects. <https://tryufm.org/community-gardens/>

Sign up for the Summer Bee Course by the end of April at Blueville with KSU Entomologist, Dr. Cloyd. Need to be able to attend all six sessions this summer. \$100 per person to register. Call 785-539-2217 to register.

May Outlook:

May will start off with Potting Party May 1-2nd at Blueville Nursery during the 9-4 p.m. timeframe each day. Must spend \$50 in annuals with the free potting soil filled in containers.

May 8th and 9th will be Mother's Day Weekend this year. Think of Blueville for the Mother's Day flowers and gifting.

May 15-16th is the KSU Graduation weekend.

Saturday, May 16th 10 a.m. KSU expert, Gus van der Hoeven will discuss Color, Sound, Scent in the Garden. Free to attend at Blueville!

May 22, 23rd and 25th will be Memorial Day weekend this year. Watch for specials closer to that weekend.

Saturday, May 30th 10 a.m. KSU Entomologist, Dr. Cloyd will present on Bagworms at Blueville. Free to attend.

Mark your calendars: Saturday, June 20th 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. will be Riley County Garden Tour.

Spring Lawn Discussions

As we touch on a few lawn thoughts for the month of April take a look at these websites through KSU Turf. They have so much helpful information to teach yourself more about this subject matter and assist with the questions!

<https://www.k-state.edu/turf/>

<https://www.k-state.edu/turf/resources/lawn-problem-solver/index.html>

<https://www.k-state.edu/turf/resources/index.html>

Crabgrass Preventer Continues



Keep thinking about putting down your crabgrass preventer products for the well-established lawns. The best way to control crabgrass is to keep it from coming up. When the Redbuds bloom, it is critical to have the **Fertilome For All Seasons** product down on the lawn. **Hi-Yield Turf & Ornamental Weed & Grass Stopper with Dimension** has a pre-emergent, and a bit of a post-emergent, to help with crabgrass, that has started to germinate, so we keep using that one a little longer into the spring. Consider a booster application of your pre-emergent product on well-established lawns to keep it strong enough until fall. Remember not to put it down too close to fall if seeding in September. The products will last four or

five months depending on which one is used. If it rains a lot, or constant irrigation, a person may need to consider a booster application for those reasons too.

Broadleaf Weed Control



If broadleaf weeds are coming up in the yard this spring, a contact killer will need to be used on them. **Fertilome Weed Free Zone** in a liquid form, or **Fertilome Weed-Out** in a granular, would be the recommended products. They are only working on the weeds you are seeing in your yard. These products are not going to stop crabgrass, so they would need to be used in addition to the pre-emergent product you are putting down in the spring. Start with your pre-emergent product and then watch your yard for other things popping up that need to be sprayed or treated with the contact killer. If you have new

grass coming up from last year, two to three mowings need to be done on it before weed treatment to keep from harming the new lawn. If you are trying to do seeding work this spring it changes everything with weed control tasks, so call the store and ask questions to go about it in the right way.

Spring Lawn Seeding



Finish your spring lawn seeding asap before summer weather. Even-consistent moisture is important while getting seed to germinate. Two to three mowings must be done on new grass before weed control can be used over the area to avoid stunting or burning. If an area needs to be seeded in the spring, pre-emergent crabgrass control products cannot be used in these areas because they would keep seed from germinating. Call the garden store with questions.

Sod is available with pre-order and pre-payment. The garden store gets in sod shipments for people on the order list. We do not keep sod around, that has not been pre-ordered because it perishes quickly. Call the garden store, and put in your requests. Sod would have to be watered two to three times a day for a couple weeks while it is rooting in during the installation period. Use Fertilome New Lawn Starter fertilizer with sod.

Yard-Work Products

Brush & Stump Killers

As you are working on your yard projects this spring, think about a product called **Fertilome Brush & Stump Killer**. The product can be used in multiple ways. It can be used as a foliage spray. It can be painted on a freshly cut stump, or the chemical can also be applied to freshly cut vines to keep them from coming back.

Cedar Apple Rust



Cedar Apple Rust is a common one in this area due to the abundance of cedar and juniper plant material. If you have apple, crabapple, ornamental pear, hawthorn, hollyhock, penstemon these are known for picking up the rust during the year if cedars or junipers are in the area. Once you get the rust on the leaves during the season, you can't make it go away. The only way to keep Cedar Apple Rust from showing up is to do preventative spray applications on the apple, crabapple, ornamental pear, hawthorn, hollyhock, penstemon. Once the leaves come out on these plants in the spring, preventative sprays need to be done to protect the foliage from picking up the rust. Fertilize the trees to

help overall health and vigor. Sometimes Cedar Apple Rust can be transported from a couple miles away, so it can be hard to pinpoint the contributors. See the handout for more background information. **Fertilome F-Stop** is the recommended fungicide to spray. If you are already using Bonide Fruit Tree Spray it does have rust listed on the label.

K-State's Cedar Apple Rust Handout: [https://hnr.k-state.edu/extension/horticulture-resource-center/common-pest-problems/documents/Cedar-Apple Rust for Apples.pdf](https://hnr.k-state.edu/extension/horticulture-resource-center/common-pest-problems/documents/Cedar-Apple-Rust-for-Apples.pdf)

Iron Chlorosis

As trees are leafing out, it is time to start looking for iron chlorosis issues. Some plants are more prone to iron chlorosis and need an iron treatment to help green them back up. K-State's article goes in-depth on this subject matter: <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/mf718.pdf> We carry **Hi-Yield Iron Sulfate**, **Fertilome Chelated Iron**, **Medicap Implants** to give those plants that extra boost they need. We also carry sulfur to influence soil pH. Depending on which product you use for iron treatment will influence when you do it in the season. Treating plants with iron is usually done in the mild months of the year to avoid leaf burn. Some of those products say not to do it when it is really hot out.

We have **Monterey Dr. Iron** to look at in the store, as well.

Sucker Punch

If you have continual maintenance cutting back suckers at the base of trees like crabapples for instance, consider using **Bonide Sucker Punch** or **Monterey Sucker Stopper** this year to help reduce how often you have to deal with the suckers. Cut the suckers back and apply the product right after making a fresh cut.

Are you spraying fruit trees?



During the spring months the **Bonide Fruit Tree Spray** or **Bonide Fruit Tree & Plant Guard** have a series of spray applications made, as the fruit trees are progressing through different stages. Fruit Tree Spray is important for insect and disease control. It becomes more critical in the years fruit trees start production to help provide more appealing fruit crops come picking time. Refer to the label for specific spraying instructions. Don't miss this critical window during the season, that can influence crops later in the year.

Preventative Care for Roses



In the spring may help reduce problems later in the season. For example, roses prone to black spot may benefit from preventative applications of the **BioAdvanced 3-n-1 products** which contain the fertilizer, insect and disease control in one product. This item recommends applying it in the spring months with the first application. Repeat at 6-8 week intervals through the growing season. It comes in a liquid or granular form.

Weed Preventer in Landscape Beds

Sprinkle weed preventer through the open areas of landscape beds to keep the weeds down and help with the maintenance throughout the year. Reapply every three to four

months. Check label for instructions and tolerant plants. Existing weeds need to be pulled prior to application. Wet down to activate.

Root Stimulator with New Plantings

Anything newly planted would benefit from root stimulator. We sell **Fertilome Root Stimulator**. It is a liquid. In general, you mix 3 ½ tablespoons to 1 gallon of water. Mix it up in a five-gallon bucket, or watering can, and apply to new plantings. The label has more instructions depending on how you use it. Root stimulator has a mild fertilizer, rooting hormone and reduces transplant shock. Another product to consider would be **Myke Tree & Shrub**, that gets mixed into a hole before planting.

Additional Timely Products

Fertilome Systemic Insect Drench is used on non-edible trees and shrubs to help prevent or slow down borer activity. It's a once a year application for most plants. Check label for more instructions.

Tree Banding Gum is used on the tree trunks of Oaks to help control Oak Itch Mite. <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/mf2806.pdf>

Fertilize plant material in the spring, and a follow-up application early summer, with slow release granular products. We have lots of choices to fit the needs.

Hummingbird and Oriole feeders get set out after April 15th. We've got supplies at the store to cover the needs for them.

We have a selection of **birdbaths** at the store right now. Add one to your landscape to increase the water supply for birds.

Spring Bulbs

Spring Bulbs are in the store. Lilies, gladiolus, dahlias, cannas and elephant ear are available to plant for summer enjoyment. Gladiolus make excellent cut flowers; cannas can be used in centerpieces of containers or in flower beds. Elephant Ear bulbs look like dinosaur eggs and produce huge leaves, and large plants, for an eye-catcher in the landscape. We also brought back dinnerplate dahlias and calla lilies. All of these bulbs get planted late spring to see the flowers coming up in the summer. They cannot tolerate frosts, so watch the weather with planting these items. Mid-May is typically the last frost-free date.

Flower & Vegetable Seed, Bulk Seed, Clover

Keep shopping the garden seed. In April: Beets, Collards, Chard, Carrots, Lettuce, Melons are still getting planted at the end-of-the-month. In May: Beans, Cucumbers, Eggplant, Melons, Peppers, Okra, Pumpkins, Corn, Squash, Tomatoes get planted too. Clover is available while supply lasts.

Composting

We've got Compost Maker to help accelerate compost piles outside. Start early this year with your compost efforts to use down-the-road.

Tyler's Tips



Tyler is a 2017 graduate of Kansas State University with a degree in Agricultural Education. He has been working in the plant industry since 2012 and at Blueville since 2014. His main interests are houseplants and annuals. He currently serves as the assistant manager at the garden store.

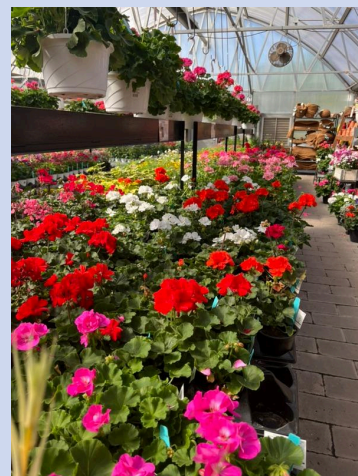
Container Gardening



Container gardening has been gaining popularity over the past few years. This a great concept for those who live in places with very little outdoor space, or who just want something low maintenance. Below, I'll mention some things to consider when going about container gardening, and then provide some inspiration for your own creations.

Plant Selection

The next thing you want to consider are what plants to use. Assess the location of your container gardens. Will it be in the sun or the shade? Also keep in mind the size of your pots and how many plants will fit in them. Make sure not to get anything that's going to be too large for your container.



Container Inspiration

Now that you've chosen your container and assessed your plant needs, it's time to get creative! Containers can make the perfect herb garden, or are even great for a patio sized vegetable pants. You can typically find tomatoes, eggplant and cucumbers that are 'patio' varieties. You can also use annuals to create a beautiful landscape. When designing, keep in in the 'thriller, filler' spiller' concept.

Potting Party!

May 1st & 2nd
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Bring your pots, or buy one from us,
and we will fill with potting soil for
free and help you design a beautiful
arrangement.

Minimum purchase of \$50 in annual
plants required



Plants with Interest







What To Do

- Plant cool season grass(if crabgrass control was not used)
- Fertilize roses, once a month, April to September
- Purchase new pottery or containers
- Turn on sprinkler systems
- Plant raspberries, blackberries and blueberries
- Fruit trees arrive at the Garden Store



- Prune junipers and yews
- Spray for cedar-apple rust with fertilome F-Stop
- Shop for annual flowers. Remember to use fresh potting soil to prevent disease
- Plant trees for arbor day

What's New

- Vegetable & Flower Seeds
- Houseplants products
- Hand tools
- Annuals, veggies & herbs
- Trees, shrubs & perennials

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root stimulator

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coupons or discounts
Present coupon to cashier or
mention it at time of purchase

Expires May 9th, 2026



*Blueville's
Horticulture
Hints*
**on KMAN 1350am
Fridays @ 10AM**

Sign up ends April 30th!!!

Honeybee & Beekeeping Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Course
June 13th: 10-12 p.m.

Module 2: Honeybee Keeping Basics
June 27th: 10-12 p.m.

Module 3: Swarming & Overwintering
July 11th: 10-12 p.m.

Module 4: Supering & Requeening
July 25th: 10-12 p.m.

Module 5: Mites, Insects & Diseases
August 8th: 10-12 p.m.

Module 6: Honey Extraction
August 22nd: 10-12 p.m.

Honeybee & Beekeeping Course

K-State Entomologist
Dr. Raymond Cloyd
6 Module Course
\$100 Fee to Register

Register with Blueville Nursery
by March 31, 2026

Completion of all 6 modules
earns certificate of completion



2026 Milford Lake Bird Walks

Walks meet at 8 a.m. on the south end of the Milford Lake Dam (across the road from the Corps of Engineers Milford Lake Project Office, 5203 North K-57 Junction City, Kansas.)

The walks last 2 to 3 hours and we explore areas around or near Milford Lake.

Walks are led by Chuck Otte - he can be contacted at cotte@ksu.edu. Bring your binoculars, your bird book, comfortable walking shoes and a sense of humor!

Birders of all ages and stages are welcome! Schedule is tentative - you may want to check in with Chuck a few days ahead to make sure it hasn't had to be changed.

- March 21st
- April 18th
- May 9th
- June 20th
- July 18th
- August 15th
- September 19th
- October 24th
- November 21st

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