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Complete Landscape Service

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Store Hours

**Tuesday-Saturday:
9 a.m.-4 p.m.**

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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.

"Every gardener knows that under the cloak of winter lies a miracle" - Luther Burbank

January 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.

A New Year helps us feel like a fresh start is upon us. It's that time to evaluate the past year and things we hope to do different or build on with goals and resolutions.

January encourages us to plan for the upcoming days in gardening and maintenance tasks, as we look at our projects, and what we hope to accomplish.

During January and February if you make a purchase of \$25 before tax you can be entered into a bi-weekly gift card drawing for Blueville Bucks. The first drawing will be January 17th followed by January 31st, February 14th and February 28th. The drawing bucket will be emptied after each drawing to start over. We will call you if your name gets pulled.

Follow us on Facebook, or watch for our weekly e-mails, announcing sales and highlights of things going on in the store.

Stop by the store and pick up a copy of the event card, and seminar list, for the first half of the year. It has the major things we get a lot of questions about, but we will still have a lot of other things in-between, so make sure to check Facebook and e-mail regularly for additional updates and timely information.

Seminars started Saturday, January 10th with "Now is the Time to Think Landscape" with KSU expert, Gus van der Hoeven. Saturday, January 17th local bird expert, Chuck Otte presented on Bald Eagles. Pick up a copy of his bird walk schedule out at Milford Lake at Blueville. Due to the weather over the January 24th weekend, the Propagation seminar with KSU Riley County Horticulture Extension Agent, Gregg Eyestone will be on Saturday, January 31st at 9 a.m. Followed by 11 a.m. Blueville's landscape designer, and maintenance expert, Dan Russell will discuss Dormant Season Tasks on January 31st. Terrarium Workshops are now available on Saturday, January 31st at 2 p.m. or Saturday, February 7th at 1 p.m. Sign-up in advance to reserve spots for the Terrarium Workshops. Terrarium Workshops are \$45 each person to cover materials for what make and take home.

A sign-up is currently available for a Valentine's Day workshop on Saturday, February 14th at 1 p.m. at Blueville led by Hedge Post Farm to make decorative door swags. It will be a great activity for yourself, friends, family and a way to spend time together. \$45 per person to cover materials of the project you make and take home. Sign-up at Blueville for this activity.

Ground Hog day is February 2nd to find out the predictions for Winter vs Spring.

February 7th 10 a.m. KSU Riley County Horticulture Extension Agent, Gregg Eyestone discusses Starting Seeds. Saturday, February 14th 10 a.m. Phillip Stanley of Blueville will present on Language of Love & Flowers. The weekend of February 21-

22nd will be the Flint Hills Home Show at the National Guard Armory Building on the East side of Manhattan. Look for the Blueville Nursery booth at it. Saturday, February 21st 10 a.m. KSU Entomologist, Dr. Cloyd will present on Caterpillar Insect Pests of Trees and Shrubs at Blueville. February 28th 10 a.m. KSU Extension Wildlife Specialist Dr. Drew Ricketts will present on Urban Coyote & Fox Management.

Garden and flower seed will be getting set up, as we get into February. We will have Botanical Interest, Livingston, Page, Renee and Wetsel pre-packaged lines. Bulk seed is currently available, and we will restock, as we keep getting things ready for spring.

Saturday, March 7th at 10 a.m. KSU Ross Braun will present on Top Tips for Healthy Lawns.

Registration is currently open for a Summer Bee Course that will take place at Blueville Nursery Garden Store led by KSU Entomologist Dr. Cloyd. It will consist of six sessions, that attendees need to be able to attend in full, to complete the course. \$100 per person to register and reserve a spot. Sign-up is open at Blueville until the end-of-March.

Indoor Activities



Grow lights, potting media, seed starting supplies and tools are on hand. With seed starting **Fertiloame Seed & Cutting Mix 8qt or 16qt** are used. They say it has a different texture to the media ideal for seed starting. **FoxFarm Light Warrior 1.5CF** is another choice meant for seed starting. **Redi-Earth Professional Growing Media** is also available for larger quantities. Vermiculite and perlite come in 8qt or 4CF bags depending on the size of the project. Peat Moss now comes in an 8qt loose bag or 1CF, 2CF or 3CF compressed bales. Some people read up on making their own potting soils with projects this time of year. Stop by the store to see all the choices.

As we talk about indoor growing, that also leads us to think about other projects to help with more time inside during the winter. Remember we carry houseplants with an ever-changing stock. Think about houseplants for Valentine Gifts for the next holiday around the corner. We also have the basics for terrarium supplies including a few kits.

We carry the Kansas Garden Guide, Kansas Insect Guide, and Common Tree & Shrub Problems publications put out by KSU Extension. They are packed full of helpful information.

Landscape Design

Before the busy season is upon us, take advantage of this time to get landscape designs done. January and February are opportune to plan out those projects, details, estimates so you have all the tools you need to be ready to jump in and get them done, as we get further into the year. March is considered the start of the busy season in landscaping so try to take care of your appointments these first couple of months to

reduce your wait time. Some landscaping projects may be done during mild weather with a few hardscape tasks, dry creek beds, clean-up of plant material, leaf debris, mulching activities to name a few possibilities.

Deliveries

We continue to do deliveries Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday's. The mild days of winter make for good outdoor time without heat and humidity to get maintenance and prep work done. We carry bulk rock, mulch, topsoil and bagged items with compost and mulches. Stop by the store to set up deliveries and check products.

Winter Gloves & Weather Tools

Check out the gloves for winter weather in the store. Track Magic & Safe Paw Ice Melt are available for the time-of-year. A sturdy ice scraper for vehicles is in stock too.

Winter Bird Supplies

Continue to take care of the birds, and critters, during the cold months. They need that food and fresh water source to survive. We carry all the supplies at the store to cover the basic needs. Consider de-icers, and heated bird baths, for the winter weather.

Winter Fruit Tree Care



During the winter on a mild day use **Fertilome Horticultural Oil spray** on fruit trees (also referred to as **dormant spray**) in the fruit tree care program. This is an important start to fruit tree care each year, as the oil suffocates the eggs on the tree, and helps reduce bug problems later on in the season. Pick a mild and calm day of weather to give the spray time to dry. Do this before leaves start to come out on the tree in the spring. Another spray, that has to be done during the winter on a mild day is for **peach leaf curl prevention**. Use **Fertilome Broad Spectrum Landscape & Garden Fungicide**, and spray the peach trees before buds swell on the trees in the spring. Timing is more critical with this one, so don't wait to get this spray done. If you miss the

window to spray, the preventative will not work. Spraying for peach leaf curl can only be done this time of year. If peach trees get the peach leaf curl during the year nothing can be done at that time. See the link below for more information on Peach Leaf Curl.

[https://hnr.k-state.edu/extension/info-center/common-pest-problems/common-pest-problem-new/Peach Leaf Curl and Plum Pocket.pdf](https://hnr.k-state.edu/extension/info-center/common-pest-problems/common-pest-problem-new/Peach%20Leaf%20Curl%20and%20Plum%20Pocket.pdf)

It would also be a good idea to review the **Bonide Fruit Tree & Plant Guard** spray chart on the inside of the label of that bottle. It spells out when fruit trees need to be sprayed during the spring months to help with preventative maintenance to reduce insect and disease problems during the year. The early months are critical each season, as there are several sprays recommended to be done with the tree progressing

through its development stages each spring. The fruit tree spraying maintenance program is important if you hope to have better looking foliage and fruit. When fruit trees start producing fruit getting into an annual spraying cycle is essential so you are happier come harvest time with what you are picking off the tree.

Houseplant Tip



*When was the last time you treated your houseplants for bug prevention? Apply **Bonide Systemic Houseplant Insect Control Granules** every eight weeks according to the label to non-edible plants indoors. If you are spotting bugs on houseplants treat with **Bonide Insecticidal Soap** or **Fertlome Indoor/Outdoor Insect Spray** as well because **they are contact killers**. It is important to periodically check over your houseplants to stay on top of bugs showing up. We also carry Neem Oil in a variety of brands. Look for houseplant labeling.*

Open Year-Round

The garden store is open year-round. During winter the garden store hours are Tuesday thru Saturday 9-4 p.m. We spend this time getting ready for spring. Lots of new product starts rolling in, so there is always something to look at because the gardening tasks never really end when you spend the downtime on indoor activities and getting ready for the next season. We embrace all 12 months of the year at the store and have plenty going on during the winter. Follow us on Facebook and our weekly e-mails for continual updates with product, sales, events and things to think about throughout the year.

Think of us for Valentine's Day gifts. Additional houseplants will be coming to restock with the holiday. Garden flags for winter, Valentine's, St. Patrick's and Easter are available while supply lasts.

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.

Cure the Winter Blues

During the winter months, it's easy for us plant lovers to get the blues. Outside is cold and miserable and our plants have gone dormant. This is the perfect opportunity to get into houseplants. Not only do they add a bright pop of color to your living space or office, but they can also help clean the air and improve your mood. Below, I will mention some key factors to consider when selecting houseplants.

Light

When we talk about lighting with houseplants, we usually refer to bright, moderate or low. These are all the levels of lighting that different plants require and all depend on the position of windows, amount of windows and distance from windows in your home. Below is a chart that further explains this.

Water

When selecting houseplants, keep in mind how much water it will require. Some houseplants could require water multiple times a week, while others may only need watered once or twice a month. Make sure you know how much water the plant you are selecting needs and that you are committed enough to provide it.

Space

All houseplants will vary on how big they get and how much space they require. Some plants may stay shorter and more contained, while others may grow as tall as 6' and wide spread. Some may also vine more. Make sure the spot you're putting that plant will be sufficient.

Houseplant Care



Bright, indirect

- Within 4-5' of an east or west facing window
- 3-5' from a window that faces south or southwest
- Any place where the sun shines into a room for several hours



Moderate, Indirect

- East facing window with morning sun
- At least 3-5' from a window that faces south or southwest
- Directly in front of a north facing window



Low, indirect

- More than 6' away from a south or southwest facing window
- Hallways, staircases and corners of rooms
- Near windows that are shaded by trees



Watering Rules of Thumb

- Let plants dry slightly, avoid soggy soil
- Use distilled water if possible
- Dump any excess water out of drip tray
- Avoid getting leaves wet
- Cut back on watering during winter

Houseplants are a great way to bring life and color to a room. Aside from the aesthetic aspect, houseplants are also great at purifying the air and do wonders to improve a persons mood

Fertilize houseplants once or twice a month, spring-fall. Don't fertilize in the winter

Always keep an eye out for pests. Spider mites, mealy bugs and fungus gnats are most common

Avoid sitting houseplants near drafty windows. Also keep away from heating & air vents

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What To Do

- Provide for birds & other wildlife with bird feeders, birdbaths, houses and squirrel feeders

- Consult a landscape designer or maintenance professional to get a head start on your landscape projects
- Grow microgreens indoors
- Perform soil tests, weather permitting
- Water new trees, shrubs and perennials if winter has been dry
- Shop for new tools
- Create a diagram of your spring vegetable garden and purchase new seed
- Work with houseplants & terrariums
- Prepare for starting vegetable seeds indoors



What's New

- Pottery arriving
- Houseplants
- Garden seed arriving soon

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