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**Monday-Saturday:
8 a.m.-3 p.m.**

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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.

"We might think we are nurturing our garden, but of course it's our garden that is really nurturing us" - Jenny Uglow

July 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.

July 1-4th a fireworks tent was in the parking lot at Blueville Nursery Garden Store.

July 1st Vista Food Truck was in the parking lot for the public.

Blueville Nursery Garden Store was closed July 3rd and 4th this year with the 4th of July holiday.

July 6th the garden store transitioned into summer hours of Monday-Saturday 8-3 p.m. with the heat until late August.

Friday, July 10th at 10 a.m. Phillip Stanley of Blueville presented “Every Rose Has A Tale”.

Saturday, July 11th 10 a.m. to noon Module #3 of the Honeybee & Beekeeping Course led by Dr. Cloyd took place at Blueville for the pre-registered attendees.

Friday, July 17th at 10 a.m. KSU Turfgrass Specialist Ross Braun presented “Summer Turf Wars: Battling Brown Patch, Armyworms and Beyond.” It was free to attend.

Saturday, July 18th at 10 a.m. Kim Bomberger, long-time Horticulturist and owner of Hedge Post Farm presented “Cut Flowers for the Garden. Growing & Harvesting Cut Flowers.” It was free to attend.

On Thursday, July 23rd the garden store was open from 8-11 a.m. In the afternoon from 12-3 p.m. the yearly Ladies Lunch event took place for pre-registered attendees. The theme was Secret Garden this year. Three speakers presented including Carol Bragdon representing Ward-Meade Botanical Garden out of Topeka. KSU Cynthia Domenghini presented “Landscaping Secret Gardens”. The third speaker was Candice Fitch-Deitz of KSU Gardens. A lunch was catered by Friendship House. Attendees receive a number of gifts and door prizes with attendance.

Saturday, July 25 10 a.m. to noon Module #4 of the Honeybee & Beekeeping Course led by KSU Entomologist Dr. Cloyd took place for pre-registered attendees at Blueville.

The weekend of July 31st and August 1st will be a Pollinator Weekend at Blueville.

Friday, July 31st at 10 a.m. Landscape Designer, Dan Russell of Blueville will present “Landscaping for Pollinators.” Free to attend. Saturday, August 1st at 10 a.m. “Hummingbird Highway” will be presented by local bird expert, Chuck Otte. It is free to attend, as well.

Pick up event cards at the store to finish out the end-of-summer. Blueville does events year-round.

Friday, August 7th at 10 a.m. KSU Gus van der Hoeven will discuss “It’s August – What Now in the Garden?” Free to attend.

Saturday, August 8th Module #5 of the Honeybee & Beekeeping Course for the pre-registered attendees will take place from 10 a.m. to noon at Blueville. It is led by KSU Entomologist Dr. Cloyd.

Friday, August 14th at 10 a.m. KSU Extension Riley County Horticulture Agent, Gregg Eyestone will discuss “Can We Grow Fall Vegetables?” at Blueville. Free to attend.

Saturday, August 15th at 10 a.m. KSU Extension Riley County Horticulture Agent Gregg Eyestone will discuss “Steps to a Healthy Lawn.” Free to attend at Blueville.

Saturday, August 15th at 1 p.m. a workshop will take place from 1-3 p.m. to create a Summer Dried Flower Wreath with natural materials. Sign-up to participate. \$55 per person. Covers the materials of what you make to take home. Call 785-539-2217 to sign-up.

Saturday, August 22nd 10 a.m. to noon will be Module #6 of the Honeybee & Beekeeping Course for the pre-registered participants with Dr. Cloyd. This will be the last Module to complete his course.

Friday, August 28th at 10 a.m. KSU Dr. Donnelly is leading “Know Your Foe: Identification & Features of Troublesome Garden Weeds.” Free to attend at Blueville!

Saturday, August 29th at 10 a.m. Garlic & Shallots will be presented by local grower, Chuck Otte. Free to attend at Blueville.

Labor Day Weekend falls on September 4, 5th and 7th this year. More info closer to that date.

Watch for the next schedule as we get into September for the rest-of-the-year.

Fall Vegetable Gardening

The end-of-July into August we start the second half of the vegetable gardening season. Clean up what is done in the vegetable gardens, and get things ready for the next round of crops. Once debris is removed, add compost to the soil to increase organic matter before another planting. We carry Cotton Burr, Cattle Manure, Chicken Manure and Nature’s Blend in bags. We do have a bulk aged cattle manure.

We’ve still got vegetable seed to cover all the crop varieties with what you will need for round two of planting.

In July Beets, Beans, Cabbage, Carrots, Broccoli, Endive, Cauliflower are crops to start from seed to get them going in time for another harvest. In August Beets, Carrots, Broccoli, Endive, Cauliflower, Kale, Lettuce, Radish, Spinach, Turnips can be started depending on the time of the month. KSU Vegetable Garden Calendar Reference: <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/mf315.pdf>

Back-to-School will be a theme, as we enter August. Check out the houseplants, pottery and plant stands around the store. Houseplant variety is everchanging with the shipments. Call 785-539-2217 about the Houseplant Repotting Sessions on Thursday, August 6th or the week of August 24th at Blueville. Reserve a time to drop off your houseplant to be repotted with Mariah.

Fall Items

Cool-season grass seed work takes off late August into early September when the weather starts to cool. This will be the best time of year to seed or over-seed fescue. If you prefer sod, we will continue to arrange pre-orders. Fall weather is excellent for sod.

Mums typically arrive late August-early September. Fall annuals arrive early September.

Fall bulbs typically arrive late September.

Seasonal items for fall will start to fill in, as we near September.

Lawn Topics

Fungus

When we have seasons that stay very humid it encourages more fungal problems in the landscape. Until it starts drying out, and cooling off, you may have to use fungicides to help protect the lawn, landscape and vegetable plants. Fertilome F-Stop Granular is used as a preventative and a curative treatment for brown patch in the lawn. Fertilome Liquid Systemic Fungicide has lawn applications. Fertilome Broad Spectrum Landscape & Garden Fungicide has more vegetable labeling. Fertilome Triple Action is a three way product with insecticide, fungicide, miticide, as is Neem Oil with its label. A newer product to the market is Monterey Complete Disease Control.

Fall Armyworms

Fall Armyworms we continue to watch out for each year in the lawns, as we get into late summer. We used insecticides, that could be attached to the hose to spray on the lawn. The hose-end allowed good penetration. Hi-Yield Bug Blaster Bifenthrin RTS, Bonide Eight RTS, Natural Guard Spinosad RTS or Bonide Captain Jack's Deadbug Brew RTS. All of these are typically available at the store if it would happen again.

The below article gives more information on Fall Armyworms from KSU extension: [https://hnr.k-state.edu/extension/info-center/common-pest-problems/common-pest-problem-new/Fall Armyworm.pdf](https://hnr.k-state.edu/extension/info-center/common-pest-problems/common-pest-problem-new/Fall%20Armyworm.pdf)

Seeding Prep Month

Assessing the lawn in July and early August is important because fall seeding work lies in the future. Prepping the yard this month, and into August, will allow you to follow the projected time table for fall lawn work if you get some of your tasks taken care of over this timeframe.

Do you have moles?

Trying to take care of mole problems in the yard would be important so their destruction is not in the way when you want to start seeding. We carry **Fertilome Mole-Go granules**, that are a repellent made with castor oil. We also have a mole trap called the **Mole Eliminator**, that has been a popular tool. **Poison Mole Worms** are available to bait the active runways. You could potentially use a combination of these products to attack them from different angles. Focus on removing them from your yard, and keeping them from coming back, to clear the way for your future lawn work. Check out some of the links for more information on moles. **K-State Research and Extension has videos on identifying active mole runways and setting traps for them!** Those are the YouTube links below.

<https://www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/C701.pdf>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bcd1K3qw2P8&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hkmzh-B8Xio&feature=youtu.be>

Do you have crabgrass & weeds?



<https://www.k-state.edu/turf/resources/lawn-problem-solver/problem-solver/weeds/grassy/crabgrass/>

<https://hnr.k-state.edu/extension/info-center/common-pest-problems/common-pest-problem-new/Crabgrass.pdf>

At this point in the season if you see broadleaf weeds popping up in the lawn, and crabgrass, consider using the **Fertilome Weed-Out with Crabgrass Killer**, **Image** or the **BioAdvanced Crabgrass Killer** for well-established lawn areas depending on what weedy items you are wanting to rid. Follow label instructions, and do not spray if it is over 85-90 degrees to keep from burning your lawn. These are contact killers, so they will only work on what is up and visible. Crabgrass can be harder to kill the more mature it gets through the season. If it is in patches you may resort to digging it out. Further, keep in mind products like Fertilome Weed-Out with Crabgrass Killer say on the label to wait 3-4 weeks before seeding.

Another idea, that some of you may be planning with lawn work is to kill off entire sections of your lawn to start over. This can be a process, that will take a little time, and reapplications of chemical may be necessary to get the results you are wanting before seeding. Once you kill off an area, you will need to get the dead debris cleaned out and prepped for seeding projects. Start thinking about these tasks in July and early August to stay ahead and make it more manageable by spreading out the work. **Hi-Yield Kill-Zall** would be the product to use for this task. The label provides various instructions based on what you are doing with it.

What about nutsedge?

<https://hnr.k-state.edu/extension/info-center/common-pest-problems/common-pest-problem-new/yellow-nutsedge.pdf>

<https://www.k-state.edu/turf/resources/lawn-problem-solver/problem-solver/weeds/grassy/nutsedge/>



[https://hnr.k-state.edu/extension/info-center/common-pest-problems/common-pest-problem-new/Yellow Nutsedge.pdf](https://hnr.k-state.edu/extension/info-center/common-pest-problems/common-pest-problem-new/Yellow+Nutsedge.pdf)

Keep working on the nutsedge patches in your lawn. Use **Bonide Sedge Ender** products, **Image, Hi-Yield Nutsedge & Horsetail Control** or **Fertilome Weed Out w/ Nutsedge Control**. Depending upon which product you use make sure to check the label with how long you have to wait until you can seed. A couple of them will delay you several weeks so plan accordingly with this stuff too.

Other products for the lawn

Broad spectrum insecticides are available for the lawn and landscape areas to control bugs. Products like **Hi-Yield Turf Ranger** would be a granular insecticide for the lawn, that have chiggers and ticks on the label. Liquid broad-spectrum insecticides have lawn applications like **Fertilome Broad Spectrum Insecticide**, **Bonide Eight**, and we also have an array of **Mosquito products and citronella items**.

Other common bug questions

Japanese Beetles



Japanese Beetles are still out and chewing on plant material. Be on the look-out, and spray plants as soon as you see them to reduce damage.

[https://hnr.k-state.edu/extension/info-center/common-pest-problems/common-pest-problem-new/Japanese Beetles.pdf](https://hnr.k-state.edu/extension/info-center/common-pest-problems/common-pest-problem-new/Japanese+Beetles.pdf)

Bagworms



We are getting to the point in the season, that if you are still looking at bagworms, you may have to resort to picking them off and sticking them in a bucket of soapy water or burning them. Their feeding activity stops late summer, and sprays won't work on them. <https://hnr.k-state.edu/extension/info-center/common-pest-problems/common-pest-problem-new/Bagworms.pdf>

Additional Ideas:

- Consider additional applications of fertilizer on garden plants, and flowers, as the rain and watering activities leach the fertilizer so reapplication is needed throughout the season.
- Weed your flower beds and consider applying another round of weed preventer to help keep the maintenance activities in-check and more manageable. They usually need to be re-applied mid-season.

- Check out the birdbath cleaners, birdfeeder cleaners, water clarifying products for fountains and birdbaths.

Hummingbirds & Orioles

Enjoy the summer birds, and grab your supplies at Blueville!

<http://gearycountyextension.com/Birds/bbg8.pdf>

Great bird resources on several subjects at this link:

<https://hnr.k-state.edu/extension/publications/wildlife.html>

In general, is it still ok to plant?

Varying opinions on this subject, but for many landscaping companies in general, the work doesn't stop regardless of the heat. Plants always experience transplant shock the first year in a new spot and needing to root after being planted. Adjust the watering throughout the year with the weather conditions. Always check the soil before watering with a probe. Hot, dry summers may require additional watering. Dry winters with little moisture lead to watering new plants on warm-mild days to help them come back in the spring. Use Fertilome Root Stimulator with new plantings the first year. The product has a mild fertilizer, rooting hormone and reduces transplant shock. Plants may look stressed the first year but give them a chance to see how they come back the second year if they are showing signs of transplant shock.

We may have hot days, but there is still plenty of things to be thinking about and doing in the garden and landscape.

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.

Selecting a Houseplant

Houseplants can make a great addition in any type of living situation. Not only do they brighten the mood in a room, but they can also help filter the air. While deciding what houseplant you want, there are a few things to consider.

Light

Houseplants vary in the amount of light they need. Some need bright light, some only require minimal light, while some can take either. Below, I will describe how to provide the appropriate amount of light. Keep in mind, if you aren't able to provide adequate natural light, grow lights can make a great alternative.



- Bright, indirect
Within 4-5' of an east or west 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

Water



Just like with light, houseplants vary in the amount of water they need to survive. Some plants, like succulents, require very little water. Some even have large vessels in their roots that hold water for extended periods of time. Other plants require a significant amount of water to thrive. However, a general rule of thumb I typically follow is to let the top inch or so of soil dry between watering. Below are a few more rules of thumb.

- Avoid soggy soil
- Use distilled water if possible
- Dump any excess water out of drip trays
- Avoid getting leaves wet
- Cut back on watering during winter.

Special Care



Some plants require more specific care than others. If you're a beginner, consider selecting a low care houseplant like Sansevieria, ZZ or a Pothos. Other plants may require high humidity, distilled water or even special pruning. Make sure you don't buy anything that takes more care than you're willing to give.

Plants with Interest







What To Do

- Add water features to your landscape
- Apply fungicide to turf, perennials and shrubs
- Set water bags around young trees to assist in watering throughout the summer
- Fertilize annuals once a week with fertilome All Purpose and fertilome Blooming & Rooting water soluble fertilizers
- Water lawns approximately 1" per week
- Prepare for fall vegetable gardening



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- Pollinator Perennials

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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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