



**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.

**"Flowers are restful to look at. They have
neither emotions nor conflicts" - Sigmund
Freud**

May 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.

May 1-2nd started off the month with the Potting Party at Blueville. Customers could bring in their containers to have filled with soil if they purchased \$50 in annuals per container. Staff was available to help with the potting and selection of plant material.

May 8-9th was Mother's Day weekend shopping at Blueville. It's always a busy weekend at the store. Blueville also gave out Hummingbird Nectar cans to shoppers in the store those two days.

May 15-16th were the local graduations with high school and KSU programs. On Saturday, May 16th KSU Extension Expert Gus van der Hoeven discussed Color, Sound, Scent in the Garden at 10 a.m.

May 22, 23 and 25th were Memorial Day Weekend Sale days this year at the store with plant material. Monday, May 25th the hours were 8-3 p.m. with the holiday.

Saturday, May 30th 10 a.m. KSU Entomologist Dr. Cloyd presents on Bagworms. They may have started early this year with weather patterns. Make sure to ask Dr. Cloyd all of your insect questions!

The deadline for the Summer Honeybee & Beekeeping Course at Blueville led by KSU Entomologist, Dr. Cloyd should be finalizing with the end-of-May for the class starting in June! Six modules this summer. Geared towards all levels with the subject matter. Need to be able to attend all six modules per Dr. Cloyd. \$100 per person to register. Call 785-539-2217 to reserve a spot.

Saturday, June 6th 10 a.m. KSU Riley County Horticulture Extension Agent, Gregg Eyestone will present on Superior Vegetable Production at Blueville. Free to attend.

In the afternoon on Saturday, June 6th 1-3 p.m. Hedge Post Farm will lead a kid's workshop if signed up ahead of time. Kids will paint a birdhouse to take home. \$28 per birdhouse.

Mark your calendars for the Riley County Garden Tour Saturday, June 20th 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. put on by KSU Extension Riley County Master Gardener's. No advance ticket sales. Donations accepted at the tour sites. Funds raised support Master Gardener programs.

Friday, June 26th at 2 p.m. KSU Extension Megan Dougherty will present on Preserving the Harvest Beginners Guide to Canning at Blueville. Free to attend.

In June we will be checking on Colorado Peach Produce, that typically arrives to the store in July to get a crop update! Call the store at 785-539-2217 if you want to get on the list to be notified about initial delivery timeframe.

The event card to finish out the summer months will be coming out in June. It is in the works right now.

Warm Season Grasses



In May, warm season grasses start to come out of dormancy and thrive through the summer months.

If you are wanting to get rid of Bermudagrass in a Fescue Lawn, as soon as it comes out of dormancy, start spraying it to get rid of it. One product you can use is Bio Advanced Bermudagrass Control. On the label it says it may take several applications.

We have sod pluggers available for sale if you like to use this tool with warm season grass establishment.

Buffalo Grass

Planting Buffalo grass begins in May. We do carry this seed in the store.

Wildflower Mixes, Native Grasses & Clover

May is the time to get the wildflower mixes planted if you are wanting to add this component to your landscape. Pick a sunny location with good drainage. Wildflower mixes generally look more suited in native spots. We have a few flower mixture choices on the seed racks.

Clover is available in red and white varieties while supply is available: Crimson, Ladino White or Dutch White choices.

Grand Mere Native Grass Mix is stocked in the store, as a mixture of native grass and wildflowers suitable for the Manhattan area.

fertilome Green Maker

In May, the second step of the Five Step Lawn Program gets put down on well-established lawns. Fertilome Green Maker is a slow-release fertilizer for the summer months.

If you'd prefer a more natural product, consider Milorganite or Coop Poop.



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DO-IT-YOURSELF LAWN PROGRAM

Save 15% when you purchase multiple steps!

Details below

Choose either the main 3 steps or include all 5 options.

All items must be purchased at the same time for discounts to apply. Customer must take items at time of purchase. All sizes of product apply.



Feb 15– April 15

Prevents annual weeds & some broadleaf weeds while simultaneously fertilizing your lawn



May 15– June 15

Provides long lasting, even source of nutrients all summer. Excellent source of sulfur & iron.



Aug 15– Sept 15

Rejuvenate your lawn and maintain a thick, rich turf carpet.



Mid October

Controls broadleaf weeds such as dandelions along with a good fall feeding for the lawn.



Nov 15–December

Enhances spring "green up". This is the most important step of your lawn fertilizer program.

Ask about additional items for lawn pest control.

Pre-Emergent in the Lawn

In well-established lawns if you are concerned about suppressing crabgrass, some people may put down a second application of pre-emergent to keep it stronger until September. Use **Hi-Yield Turf & Ornamental Weed & Grass Stopper with Dimension**. It lasts three to four months. Activate with water immediately at this time of year. Be careful to not put it down too close to September if you intend to seed in the fall. It only stops seed from germinating, and it only stops really young crabgrass, so things that have germinated may still require contact killers.

Insecticides for the Lawn

Consider using **Hi-Yield Turf Ranger** or **Bonide Eight Insect Control Vegetable, Fruit & Flower** to treat the yard. Turf Ranger is a granular product, and the other is a liquid. Products like these may help with ticks, chiggers, mosquitoes, etc. The labels will vary with each product. Let us know your specific concern so we can pull the right product for you with what is on the label. The granular would need to be watered in, and the liquids would need to dry before accessing the area after application with kids and pets. We also have a granular repellent for mosquitoes called **Fertilome Mosquito-Go**.

Brush & Stump Killer or Poison Ivy

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.

Bonide Poison Ivy spray is a specialized product to help us deal with plants we need to stay away from in the landscape. We also carry two different types of Poison Ivy

bar soap.



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.

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. **True Organics** is making an **organic root stimulator** available in the store. **Big Foot** is a new item in the store with mycorrhizae choices. Phillip really likes Espoma Biotone.

Planting Summer Vegetable Crops & Flowers



In May, we are transitioning to the summer thriving crops for vegetable gardens. Beans, Cucumbers, Eggplant, Melons, Peppers, Okra, Pumpkins, Sweet Potatoes, Sweet Corn, Squash and Tomatoes are on the list to get planted. We've got seed or plants available. Use **Fertilome Gardener's Special** or **Fertilome Tomato & Vegetable fertilizer** during the season. We also have organic fertilizer choices. The fertilizer bags talk about at planting and follow-up applications.

<https://www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MF315.pdf>

Repellents are available to help deter rabbits, deer or other animals eating plants and produce. **Bonide Repels-All** comes in a liquid or granular. **Liquid Fence Deer & Rabbit** comes in an RTU or concentrate formula. Deer fencing, chicken wire and bird netting are also available as other deterrents. Check out the **Bonide Hot Pepper Wax**.

Fungus?

If the season is wet, and high in humidity, fungus problems are more likely to occur with the lawn and landscape. Keep Blueville in mind for fungicide needs with

preventative and curative treatments.

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.

Importance of Fertilizing Landscape Plants

Check the granular slow-release fertilizers for additional applications to apply throughout the growing season to keep plants healthy and thriving. **Fertilome Tree & Shrub Food, Premium Bedding Plant Food, Rose Food, Gardener Special.** Sprinkle around plant material with label directions and wet down to activate. Granular fertilizers are more easy to disperse than fertilizer stakes and break down quicker.

Fertilize Annual Flowers to Thrive

Continue to fertilize the annual flowers in containers and flower beds. Use **Fertilome 20-20-20 & Fertilome Blooming & Rooting** water soluble fertilizers through the summer months. Some people rotate between the two.

Spring Bulbs

Plant the spring bulbs to get the summer flowers with **gladiolus, cannas, lilies, dahlias, liatris, elephant ear varieties.**

Bio-Advanced Rose & Flower 3-n-1 or 2-n-1 preventative applications for roses. Apply this product early, and continue to reapply through the growing season, according to label instructions to reduce problems on roses. It is an easy product to use and helps out a lot.

Larva of a Sawfly on Roses

A very tiny worm can be found on rose bushes skeletonizing the leaves about this time of year. It is a very tiny bug for the amount of damage it can do to rose foliage. If you notice your rose bushes getting it, spray immediately with **Bonide Captain Jack's Deadbug Brew** made with **Spinosad** to get rid of the worm on the bushes. Fertilize the rose bushes with **Fertilome Rose Food** to help promote new growth.

Over-the-Top

It can help get rid of grass in areas you don't enjoy weeding. It has a long list of plants, that are tolerant. Make sure to read the label before using it, and follow exactly what the label says for where and how to use it.

Flower Bed Maintenance Tip

Consider re-applying the granular weed preventers to open areas of flower beds you don't intend to plant to help keep the weeds down in them and make the maintenance and weeding tasks easier throughout the year. It is a good idea to reapply every few months through the season to keep the product strong. Use these products across the



top of rock beds too in an effort to reduce weed seed from germinating on top of the fabric and rock. Wet down these products immediately to activate.

Slug & Snail Bait

If you have feeding damage to hostas, slug and snail activity is common. Try Slug & Snail Bait around those areas. We carry three choices at the store with Monterrey Sluggo, Sluggo Plus and Sluggo Maxx.

Hi-Yield Kill-Zall Extended

If you've got places like a sidewalk or driveway, that have grass or weeds popping up, and it is a spot, that will never be planted, consider using the **Hi-Yield Kill-Zall Extended** product because it will last longer.

Bagworm Timing



Towards the end of May into early June start watching for Bagworm updates on hatching. As soon as the Bagworms hatch it is finally time to spray them to get the chemical on the worms while they are feeding.

We are reaching the point in the season it is almost time to go after them. Get ready by picking up **Natural Guard Spinosad or Bonide Captain Jack's Deadbug Brew (also made**

with Spinosad) and spray them as soon as they hatch. The way to start watching for them is to start checking your plant material you usually find them on, and you can see the little worms popping out of the bags feeding when they have actually hatched out of those bags. You may have to check at different times of day, as you are watching for them.

Spinosad is a good worm control product, so it is recommended in the beginning stages of this hatching cycle. It works best to go after them early if you hope to get the best use out of the sprays. For windbreak situations we have **Hi-Yield 38 Plus**. 38 Plus is made with permethrin and goes a lot further for big spray areas because of its dilution rate. If you are not comfortable spraying, get on the list with our maintenance department to have a commercial unit do it for you.

Here are some links to get more info on bagworms:

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

<https://entomology.k-state.edu/doc/misc.-extension-document/bagworms.pdf>

Hummingbird & Oriole Activity

Make sure to set up feeders for the Hummingbird & Orioles in the area. If you put out the food, it will help their environment.

Outdoor Accessories

Gloves and hats in the store for the outdoor time and the yard work projects. Check out all the choices to cover the different seasons and needs of projects.

Algae Control & Water Clarifier

As the heat starts in, and humidity arrives, keep an eye on water features, bird baths and fountains with algae products and water clarifier items in the store.

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.

Summer Container Care

As we approach summer and the warmer weather, it's important to keep in mind proper care of annual containers in order to keep them blooming, thriving and beautiful all summer long. One thing that is important to keep in mind is that flowers, in a sense, are like humans. By that, I mean we have a lot of the same care needs. Two of those being food and water.

Water



When the heat hits, it'll be important to check your annuals for water daily. Keep in mind, this will look different for everyone based on location and types of plants. Plants in a shadier location will obviously dry out slower than those in full sun, and therefore may require less water. There are also plants that are more drought and heat tolerant and will require less water such as lantana, purslane and portulaca. In general, you're probably

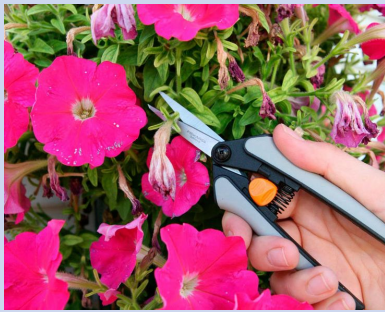
going to end up wanting to water your containers everyday to every other day. Just stick a finger in the soil and check for dampness. If the top inch or two of soil feels dry, give it a good soak.

Fertilize



Throughout the season, it'll also be important to provide adequate food, or fertilizer, to your containers. Ferti-lome has two great water soluble fertilizers that you can use. One is a general all purpose fertilizer that will focus more so on new green growth for your plants. The other is called Blossoming and Rooting. This one is higher in phosphorus which helps encourage bloom and root development. We recommend watering with these once a week, alternating in-between the two. You can also add a slow release fertilizer such as Osmocote. These are granules that you'd typically sprinkle in the soil at the time of planting, and they'll slowly release nutrients throughout the season

Other Maintenance



Aside from food and water, plants need other maintenance as well. Much like we get a haircut to encourage new hair growth and keep tame looking, your annual containers may need occasional grooming. Some flowers such as petunias and geraniums, often require 'dead heading'. This is the process of simply pinching back and removing the spent blooms. This will help keep the plant looking nice and

encourage more blooms. You may also need to keep plants pinched back or pruned back from time to time if they get leggy and unsightly. This will also help encourage new growth and keep the container looking tame and under control.

Plants with Interest





What To Do

- Use fertilome Over-the-Top II to clean grassy weeds out of landscape beds. Safe to use over iris and daylily
- Plant annual flower containers for summer
- Treat volunteer tree seedlings in beds with fertilome Brush & Stump Killer
- Lay mulch between vegetable rows



- Pick out some garden flags and decor to spice up your yard
- Plant trees, shrubs and perennials
- Apply fertilome Greenmaker to cool season lawns
- Plant wildflower seed and native grass seed
- Plant summer vegetable crops like tomatoes, cucumber, eggplant, peppers, beans and sweet corn
- Spray for borers in birch, lilac and ash using Hi-Yield 38 Plus
- Plant warm season turf grass such as Buffalo or Bermuda
- Set your lawn mowers to mow at 3 1/2"

What's New

- Everchanging plant stock
 - Houseplants
 - Wildflower seeds
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*Blueville's
Horticulture
Hints*
**on KMAN 1350am
Fridays @ 10AM**

Sign up ends May 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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