

MIDDLESEX CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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2008 SPRING PLANT SALE

Friday 4/25 (3-6 pm) Saturday 4/26 (8am-noon)

4H Fairgrounds, 51 South Chelmsford Rd, Westford

The focus of our Spring Sale this year is butterflies! We are offering many varieties that will encourage native butterflies to visit your garden, in addition to their ornamental value. Please see individual listings.

Place your order from this brochure with payment by March 28, by mail or fax. Pick up your order at the location/times listed above. We will send you a reminder postcard two weeks in advance.

*** RAIN BARRELS ***
Remember last summer?
Order your rain barrel today!

All proceeds benefit our environmental programs. We are a not for profit environmental agency; your purchase helps protect the soils and water of Middlesex County.

EVERGREENS (bare root 5/\$10)

N = US Native

S = Sun

PS = Part shade

Sh = Shade

American Arborvitae *Thuja occidentalis* N/S/PS
Pyramidal habit, easily shaped, durable in any type soil. Excellent dark green color, 40'-60', sun or light shade, moist soil. Good for windbreaks or hedges, medium growth rate 12" or more per year.

4 year seedlings, 1'-2'

Eastern White Pine *Pinus strobus* N/S
Very large native pine reaching to 80'-100' at maturity. Prefers sun to very light shade, cool conditions, tolerant of most soils, rapid growth 2+ feet/year.

3 year seedlings, 5"-10"

Norway Spruce *Picea abies* S
Dark green spruce with rapid growth rate of 2' or more per year, reaching 60'-100'. The species of choice for the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree.

4 year seedlings, 12"-24"

Colorado Blue Spruce *Picea pungens* N/S
Striking color ranges from blue-green to silver-blue. Stiff needles with densely set horizontal branches. 60'-120' at maturity, slow growth rate 6"-12"/year. Tolerant of just about any location.

4 year seedlings, 8"-18"

Balsam Fir *Abies balsamea* N/S/PS
Popular Christmas trees, hardy with highly aromatic foliage. Cold hardy, reaches 60', sun or light shade, prefers cool humid moist conditions. Slow growth 6"-12"/year.

3 year seedlings, 6"-12"

Canaan Fir *Abies balsamea* var. *phanerolepis* N/S
Related to balsam fir, but adapted to a wider variety of conditions – can grow in soggy soil and tolerate late spring frosts. Reaches 50'-60', medium growth rate 12"/year.

4 year seedlings, 10"-18"

SHRUBS AND TREES

Note: a “tubeling” is a plant in a soil plug 4” deep, 2.25” diameter.

American Cranberrybush (*V. trilobum*) N/S/PS
Large native shrub with 5” clusters of white flowers in spring, red berries in fall, red fall foliage. Average/boggy soil. Host for Spring Azure butterfly. **3” pot** **\$6**

American Hornbeam (*Carpinus caroliniana*) N/S/PS
Small native tree grown for its sculptural ridged trunk and branches. Slow growing to 25’ tall and wide, extremely dense hardwood. Host for Tiger Swallowtail.
4” tubeling **\$6**

Honeysuckle ‘Blanche Sandman’ (*L. semp.*) N/S
Native honeysuckle (not the invasive kind!) Easy to grow vine 10’-15’, orange red flowers attract hummingbirds, butterflies and bees. **3” pot** **\$5**

Hydrangea ‘Annabelle’ (*H. arborescens*) N/S/PS
Large 12” white flower heads on a shrub 4’ tall, 5’ wide – does not die back and blooms reliably unlike many in our climate. **3” pot** **\$5**

Climbing hydrangea (*H. anomala petiolaris*) PS
Flowering vine with white blooms for part shade. Will take several years to establish, but eventually can reach 30’.
3” pot **\$5**

Deutzia ‘Variegata’ (*D. gracilis*) S/PS
Compact shrub to 3’- 4’, white flowers in spring but grown primarily for the variegated white/green foliage. **3” pot** **\$6**

New Jersey Tea (*Ceanothus americanus*) N/S/PS
Compact native shrub 2’-3’ with white flowers held above the foliage. Host plant for several native butterflies. **3” pot** **\$5**

Potentilla Abottswood (*P. fruticosa*) N/S/PS
One of the best white flowered varieties, dark blue green foliage on a 4’ shrub, very nice low flowering hedge. **6”-8” tall, 3” pot** **\$4**

Red Vein Enkianthus (*E. “Red Bells”*) S/PS
Ornamental shrub 10’ tall x 6’ wide, delicate white bell shaped flowers with a red edge, fiery red/orange fall foliage. Needs a moist acidic soil. **3” pot** **\$6**

Redbud (*Cercis Canadensis*) N/S/PS
Very ornamental small native tree 20’-30’ with rosy pink flower clusters in early spring before leaves emerge. Nectar source for butterflies. **4” tubeling** **\$6**

Rhododendron ‘Rosebay’ (*R. maximum*) N/S/PS/Sh
Mature height 6’-10’, spreading 5’-8’. Lustrous dark green leaves and pink flowers, sun to shade. Very hardy. Mulch lightly. **6”-12” rooted cutting** **\$6**

Rhododendron (*R. catawbiense ‘Album’*) N/S/PS
Large trusses of flowers, buds flushed lilac but open to pure white. Leaves are dark lustrous green, 6-8’ tall and wide. Prune after flowering if necessary. Hardy and vigorous. **6”-12” rooted cutting** **\$6**

Sassafras (*Sassafras albidum*) N/S/PS
Native tree to 40’, shrubby when young, grown for its showy bark and fall color, blue-black fruits consumed by native birds, host plant for the Spicebush Swallowtail butterfly. **4” tubeling** **\$6**

Shagbark hickory (*Carya ovata*) N/S
Very large native tree (120’), upright growth. Mature trees are valued for their attractive peeling bark and sweet edible nuts. **3 year seedling, 6”-14”** **\$5**

Spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*) N/S/PS
Broadly rounded shrub reaching 6’-12’, yellow flowers in spring, red berries in the fall. Host plant for the Spicebush Swallowtail butterfly. Yellow fall color. **4” tubeling** **\$6**

Spiraea ‘Little Princess’ (*S. japonica*) S/PS
Dense compact shrub 2’-3’ with profuse pink flowers in early spring. Attracts butterflies, trouble free. Nectar source for butterflies. **3”-6” tall, 3” pot** **\$4**

Summersweet (*Clethra alnifolia*) N/S/PS
Trouble free shrub with spicy fragrant white flower spikes in late summer, slender upright growth to 5’-8’. Prefers a moist, acidic woodland soil. Nectar source for butterflies. **4” tubeling** **\$6**

Swamp azalea (*Rhododendron viscosum*) N/PS
Native azalea with strongly fragrant white flowers, 5’x5’, happy in poorly drained soil and wetlands. White flowers, sometimes tinged with pink, early summer. **3” pot** **\$6**

Sweetfern (*Comptonia peregrina*) N/S/PS
Not a fern but a low growing native shrub, grown for its aromatic ferny foliage. Reaches 2’-4’ tall, twice as wide. Moist acidic soil; do not move once planted. **3” pot** **\$6**

Sweetbay magnolia (*Magnolia virginiana*) N/S/PS
Small multistemmed tree 20’ high, 15’ wide, with fragrant creamy white flowers occurring over a long spring bloom period. Host for Eastern Tiger Swallowtail. **4” tubeling** **\$6**

FRUITS

For more detailed cultural information on growing fruits, please see our supplier's website: www.noursefarms.com.

Asparagus 'Jersey Supreme'

Vigorous all male variety with uniform succulent spears, resistant to rust and fusarium. Space 12" apart in 6" deep furrows in a well drained sunny location, near neutral pH and cover crowns with 2" of soil. Fill in as spears grow until level with surrounding soil. Water well first year.

25 crowns/\$12

Blackberry 'Triple Crown'

Thornless semi-erect variety, vigorous and hardy. Crop ripens late July/August. Space plants 2' apart in a well drained sunny location.

5 bare root plants/\$25

Blueberry 'Blueray/Bluecrop'

One of each for best cross-pollination and fruit production. Both varieties are 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"/\$25

Raspberry 'Killarney'

Large fruit with excellent flavor, early-mid season summer red variety, plant in a sunny well drained site. Vigorous and productive. Space 2' apart.

10 bare root plants/\$25

Rhubarb 'McDonald'

Rhubarb is a very easy crop for the home gardener. Plant 3' apart in sun with top of division level with soil surface. Adding compost or manure yearly increases yields.

Bare root division \$9

Strawberry 'Jewel'

Great flavor, winter hardy - Jewel is a great variety for the home gardener. A late-midseason variety with great flavor; our vendor's #1 seller. Sun, 12"-18" apart, 3'-4' between rows.

25 bare root plants/\$8

GROUNDCOVERS

Juniper 'Bar Harbor' (*J. horizontalis*)

Slow growing evergreen groundcover 8"-12" tall, gray green foliage turning silvery plum in winter.

3" pot 3/\$10

Wild Ginger (*Asarum canadense*)

Native wildflower with large heart shaped leaves, unusual maroon flowers in spring. Best in moist acidic soil in heavy shade.

3" plug 3/\$12

Pachysandra (*Pachysandra terminalis*)

Spurge. Dense, lustrous green evergreen 8" tall, excellent in masses under trees or in difficult locations to replace lawn. Any soil, water liberally to establish. White flowers early April. Plant 6" apart to fill in 2 years.

25 rooted cuttings/\$15

Fragaria 'Lipstick'

Ornamental strawberry, very little fruit but large hot pink flowers, spreads rapidly.

3" pot 3/\$11

Woodland Phlox 'London Grove' (*P. divaricata*)

Native. Lovely soft blue flowers 8"-10" tall, burgundy fall foliage.

3" pot 3/\$10

Myrtle (*Vinca minor*)

Vinca minor. 6" Small shiny evergreen foliage with violet blue flowers in spring for light to full shade. Fast spreading, tolerant of many locations. Plant clumps 10" apart.

Bare root clumps, 10-20 plants 5/\$5

HERBS

All hardy perennials and easy to grow in full sun. We're offering some unusual varieties this year, so check them out!

4" pots \$5

Garlic Chives
French Sorrel
Lemon Thyme
Lovage
Chocolate Mint

PERENNIALS

Old favorites, new varieties, and lots of natives!

The Butterfly Garden

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You will receive five plants to turn your garden into a butterfly magnet! All are for full sun and average soil, 3" plugs:

Butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*) – brilliant orange, low plants, midsummer. Monarch host plant. **Native.**

Butterfly bush 'Red Plume' (*Buddleia davidii*) – Burgundy red flowers late summer, 6'-8'

Gayfeather (*Liatris spicata*) – fluffy purple spikes midsummer, long bloom season. **Native.**

Sedum 'Brilliant' (*Sedum*) – Huge pink flower clusters from late summer until frost. 18".

Aster 'Alert' (*A. novae-belgii*) – Deep purple red flowers on 12"-15" plants, fall.

\$20

Astilbe 'Granat' (*Astilbe arendsii*) PS
Feathery plumes of crimson red flowers in summer, 18"
Bare root division \$4

Fern – Deer Fern (*Blechnum spicant*) N/PS/Sh
Attractive and durable evergreen native fern, 10"-20" tall,
dark green leaves. **4" plug \$6**

Anemone 'Robustissima' (*A. tomentosa*) S/PS
Spreading mounds of foliage with 2'-3' pink flowers in
late summer/early fall. **3" plug \$5**

Grass - 'Huron Sunrise' (*Miscanthus sinensis*) S
Tall grass 5'-6' with silvery pink plumes starting mid
August, aging to burgundy. Excellent winter interest. One of
the most floriferous grasses. **3" plug \$7**

Blackberry Lily 'Hello Yellow' (*Pardancanda*) S
Yellow flowers held on tall stems over iris-type foliage.
Interesting seed pods make great dried arrangements.
3" pot \$4

Grass – 'Dallas Blues' (*Panicum virgatum*) N/S
Selection of our native switch grass with powder blue
foliage and reddish plumes of foliage in early fall, 4'-5' tall.
3" plug \$5

Clematis 'Polish Spirit' (*C. viticella*) S/PS
Heavy bloomer with velvety purple flowers mid to late
summer. Flowers are 3"-5", reaches 10'. (If you've never
grown clematis, start with this one!)
4" pot \$10

Geranium 'Patricia' S
Vigorous free flowering perennial geranium with bright
magenta blooms produced over a very long period in
summer. **3" plug \$5**

Clematis 'Rosy O'Grady' (*C. macropetala*) S/PS
Deep pink semi double flowers with feathery petals, to 8'.
No pruning required.
4" pot \$10

Heuchera 'Plum Pudding' PS
Shiny silvery plum-purple leaves with metallic accents on
mounding plants. Part shade, moist soil, does not compete
well with weeds/tree roots. **3" plug \$6**

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

Hostas PS/Sh
Durable low maintenance foliage plants for part to full
shade. All plants are bareroot. **3/\$10**

'Purple Water' Plum purple, 24"-30". **\$4**

'Ann Warner' Pink/yellow throat, 24" **\$4**

'Pardon Me' Cranberry red, 18" **\$4**

and for a little more zing.....

'Fire and Fog' Intense dark pink with pale
pink edge and yellow throat. **\$9**

'Blue Cadet' - Blue green leaves, 15" tall, dark lavender
flowers in July.

'Aureomarginata' - Variegated green/yellow leaves,
lavender flowers in summer. 18" tall, to 3' wide.

'Royal Standard' - Green leaves with very fragrant
white flowers in late summer.

Dumbo's Ears (*Rudbeckia maxima*) N/S
A whopping big Rudbeckia, seldom seen, with blue
green basal foliage and flowers that shoot up 5'-7'. Each
flower is 4"-6" tall. A real eye-catcher.
3" pot \$4

Heucherella 'Rosalie' S/PS
Hybrid cross between Heuchera and Tiarella, mounding
plants with profuse spikes of pink flowers spring/summer.
Semievergreen foliage. **3" plug \$4**

Fern – Cinnamon Fern (*Osmunda cinnamomea*) N/PS
Very large native fern, with vase shaped foliage 2'-5', and
cinnamon colored fertile spikes in the center. Will take
any light condition as long as soil remains damp.
4" plug \$6

Iris, Dwarf Crested (*I. cristata*) N/S/PS
Lovely little native iris for part shade, 6"-9" tall, blue to
lavender flowers in April. **3" pot \$4**

Iris, Bearded ‘So Fine’ (*I. germanica*) S
Tall bearded iris 37”, plant rhizomes shallowly, full sun. Two tone blooms, with lavender upper petals and dark royal purple lower petals.

Bare root \$6

Iris, Siberian ‘Snow Queen’ (*I. siberica*) S/PS
Attractive blue green sword shaped leaves, white blooms in June. Easy and indestructible, will form a large clump.

Bare root \$4

Jack in the Pulpit (*Arisaema triphyllum*) N/PS/Sh
Very interesting native plant, 12”-18”, likes medium to wet soil. Unusual blooms are green with purple stripes. Spring woodland wildflower.

3” pot \$6

Joe Pye Weed, Dwarf (*E. dubium* ‘Little Joe’) N/S/PS
All the flower power of our native Joe Pye in a compact package suitable for smaller gardens, reaching 3’-4’ tall with large mauve flower clusters mid summer to fall. Attracts butterflies.

3” plug \$4

Oriental Poppy ‘Coral Reef’ (*P. orientale*) S
Very large (5”) ruffled coral pink flowers up to 5” across in spring, 24”-36” tall. Dormant in late summer, so plant behind later developing plants.

3” plug 3/\$10

Peonies. S
Long lived trouble free perennials with enormous flowers in spring, generally 3’ x 3’. Divisions with 3 to 5 eyes.

‘Bowl of Beauty’ – vivid pink petals with a central cluster of yellow, single form.

‘Festiva Maxima’ – white flowers with occasional flecks of crimson, double form.

\$9

Rattlesnake Master (*Eryngium yuccifolium*) N/S
Dramatic native architectural plant with bristly sword shaped leaves, spiky cream colored flowers, 4’-6’ tall. Full sun only, soil on the drier side.

5” plug \$4

Shasta Daisy ‘Sonnenschein’ (*L. superbum*) S
Unusual variety of Shasta daisy with pale lemon yellow flowers 3”-5” in diameter, 2’-3’ tall.

3” plug \$8

Sunflower ‘Loddon Gold’ (*H. decapetalus*) N/S
Double yellow flowers on 4’ plants, blooms appear late summer to fall. True perennial, not the annual variety.

Bare root \$4

GARDEN SUPPLIES

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) **\$6/bag**

Compost Bins.*** Made in MA from recycled soda bottles, bins are sturdy, lightweight and assemble without tools. 24 cubic ft capacity. A cone shaped aerator top and bottom speed up composting and keep out animals.

\$35

Driwater. One quart biodegradable containers water a plant for up to 3 months. DriWater releases slowly when in contact with soil. Use with new or established plants or in containers to decrease hand watering.

\$5

Neptune’s Harvest Hydrolyzed Fish Fertilizer
Organic fertilizer made in MA from fresh North Atlantic fish. Processed to retain vitamins, enzymes, hormones and micronutrients, low odor formula. Concentrate; use 1-2 T per gallon of water.

16oz concentrate \$10

*** available thanks to MA Dept of Environmental Protection’s Municipal Waste Reduction Grant

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 plants 6” and larger, and 1 tablet per half inch diameter for trees. **15 tablets/\$5**

Kitchen Scrap Buckets Put these on your kitchen counter to collect kitchen waste for your compost pile! Composting is easy and provides nutrients and soil conditioner for your garden. These buckets have a tight fitting lid and oval shape for easy scraping of dishes. **\$10**

SkyJuice Rain Barrel
Our 60 gallon rain barrels are made from refurbished food grade barrels and feature a removable lid, overflow outlet, and spigot for hose attachment. Your garden (no chlorine!) and wallet will thank you! **\$75**

Deer Away
New economical size, this is a concentrate kit that makes 2 quarts of ready to use spray (our previous item was one pint of ready to use). Active ingredient is putrescent egg solids; latex binder resists washing off. Avoid on food crops.

Kit – makes 2 quarts \$17

SOIL TESTING

Find out your soil quality – pH, organic matter, nutrients – by having your soil tested. Call the University of Massachusetts Extension Soil lab at 413-545-2311, visit www.umass.edu/plsoils/soiltest, or contact us and we can send you the brochure. You will find all the information you need to get answers to your questions concerning your soils.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Order deadline: March 28, 2008

Pickup dates: April 25 (3-6 pm) and April 26 (8am – 12noon)

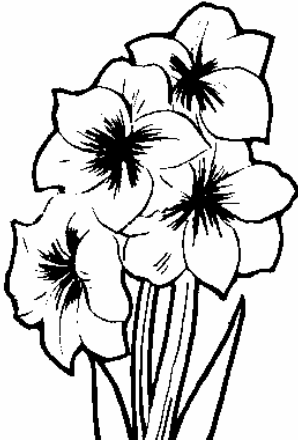
Pickup location: 4H Fairgrounds, 51 South Chelmsford Rd, Westford, MA

BROCHURE MAILING LIST

To save printing costs – and trees – we will be sending our brochures only to those customers who have ordered in the previous 5 years. If you have not ordered recently, but would like to get a copy, please call our office and we will make sure you receive our catalogue.



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2008 Spring Brochure

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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
- Offer erosion and sediment control review for municipalities
- Sponsor workshops
- Offer soil maps of Middlesex County cities and towns
- Assist residents with natural resource questions.
- Promote local agriculture.

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The Board of Supervisors meets monthly at our office. Meetings are open to the public and all are welcome. For more information about our sale or the District please contact:
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