

Merrimack County Conservation District 2010 Plant Sale ITEM DESCRIPTIONS

The Merrimack County Conservation District is celebrating spring by offering you a selection of bare-root and potted plants and other conservation items to help enhance the aesthetics and wildlife value of your property and to reduce household waste. The plants offered have been chosen to weather our climate and, when possible, are native to New England. For best results you should plant your purchases within 48 hours of picking them up. No refunds for orders not picked up. MCCD is not responsible for typos in information, or plants after customer has picked them up. MCCD will refund money for unavailable plants or items.

SPECIES **REMARKS** (* = Native)

Bare-Root Plants

Evergreens- Conifers

American Arborvitae (White Cedar) *	Scale-like, flat foliage, bright green 2"long pair needles. Good landscaping, wetland planting, and hedges. Full to partial sun, 40' at maturity.
Balsam Fir*	Symmetrical Christmas tree. Balsam aroma, good needle retention. 3/4" flat needles, can tolerate moist soil. Full sun, 60-75' at maturity.
Colorado Blue Spruce	Stiff, sharp pointed 1"needles, dark green silver blue. Dense foliage, excellent Christmas tree, colorful screen. Full sun to partial shade, 100' at maturity.
Fraser Fir (Southern Balsam)	Favorable Christmas tree. Grows in drier, warmer areas. Full sun to partial shade, 40 - 60'.

Deciduous Trees & Shrubs for Wildlife and Habitat Improvement

Crabapple, Sargent	Sargent crabapple is an attractive compact landscape tree with abundant clusters of fragrant white flowers that are red in bud in the spring. The fruit is edible to both humans and birds. This tree prefers well-drained, moist soils. Full sun to partial shade, 6-8'.
Cranberry Bush, American *	Also known as High Bush Cranberry. Multi-stemmed shrub. In May this plant has white flowers. Excellent fall foliage color which may be yellow, red, orange or burgundy. September through February it has bright red fruit. The fruit of American Cranberry is used in jelly and is great for attracting birds for screening and seeds provide abundant bird food. Full sun to partial shade, 8- 12'.
Dogwood, Silky*	Red, multi-stemmed shrub. In August this plant has a white/purplish drupe fruit. Silky Dogwood is a favorite for attracting birds. It thrives in moist and wet soils. Good shoreland plant. Full sun to partial shade, 6-10'.

Deciduous Trees & Shrubs for Wildlife and Habitat Improvement (continued)

Oak, Red*	It is fast growing, easy to transplant, tolerant of urban conditions (including dry and acidic soil and air pollution), the abundant nuts attract wildlife, and the leaves develop a brick-red fall color. The Red Oak is a great timber tree. It prefers sandy soils. Sun to partial shade, 50-80'.
Serviceberry*	Large shrub or small tree with beautiful fall colors. White spring flowers giving way to 1/4" fruit loved by birds. Suckering, multistemmed. Thrives in moist well-drained, acid soils. Full sun to partial shade, 6-20'.

Bareroot Fruit Trees for People and Wildlife

Apple, Honeycrisp	A semi-dwarf rootstock, mature height 15', with open spreading growth. A well-anchored, hardy tree. Fruit is orange-red with yellow background, crisp, sweet and juicy. Fruit ripens in September, averages 3", stores well. Prefers full sun.
Apple, Red Delicious	A semi-dwarf rootstock, mature height 15'. Most popular of all red apples. Vigorous tree, heavy fruit production on spurs. Best in full sun location. Ripens late September into October. Fireblight and rust resistant. Distinctive flavor.
Cherry, Lapins	Favored commercial cherry variety, heavy crops of large, sweet, firm dark red fruit, crack resistant, excellent flavor. Frost resistant, ripens late July. Self-fertile. 1983 Canadian introduction. Standard size; grows up to 40'.
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Peach, Elberta	Large, yellow blushed red fruit. Juicy, flavorful freestone flesh. Ripens from late July to mid-September. Good for fresh, canning, freezing and jam. Self-fertile and a good pollinator for other peaches. Grows 15-25'.
Peach, Red Haven	Favorite early variety. Medium, nearly fuzzless red fruit with firm yellow freestone flesh. Excellent fresh, canning and freezing quality. Abundant cropping requires thinning. Ripens late June to early August. Self-fertile.

Small Fruits

Blueberry, Blueray	Highbush, ripens mid-season, good quality, upright, large fruit. Protect from strong wind, likes rich organic matter. Likes full sun, well drained, acidic soils (pH 4.5-5.2), 5-6'.
Blueberry, Nelson	Highbush, small dark blueberries have flavor similar to wild and make great jam and muffins. This variety has excellent

winter hardiness. Very good for shoreland areas. Likes rich organic matter. Likes full sun, well drained, moist, acidic soils (pH 4.5-5.2), grows at least 6' tall.

Blueberry, Reka

Highbush, extra hardy, large fruit, nice color and flavor. Protect from strong wind. Vigorous bush, likes rich organic matter. Likes full sun, well drained, acidic soils (pH 4.5-5.2), 5-6'.

Asparagus, Jersey Knight

One of the New Jersey hybrids, an all-male variety, Jersey Knight is extremely vigorous, has large, succulent spears, and quickly attracts a loyal following. The flavor is excellent, and the plant is resistant to rust, crown rot and fusarium. It also performs equally well in heavy, clay-like soils. Soil pH 7.0-7.2

Raspberry, Killarney

Released in 1961, Killarney is especially winter hardy. It is an early mid season variety ripening about a week after Boyne. It has an attractive bright-red color and a good raspberry aroma and flavor. The canes grow upright, are medium-sized and sturdy. This variety would make a great fresh raspberry pie.

Raspberry, Nova

Released from the Nova Scotia, Canada, Breeding Program in 1981. This very winter hardy variety adapts to all climates and can be used as a summer bearer in the North or a fall bearer in the South. Nova is tolerant of heat and is an excellent choice for the upper midwest and northern regions, where high yields and dependability are required. Berries are firm, bright-red, medium to large in size, and have good shelf life. Canes are vigorous, growing upright with light spines.

Strawberry, Allstar

Allstar produces a good crop of very large, light-colored, sweet berries. Glossy, firm fruit makes this variety excellent for fresh eating. This widely adapted variety has performed consistently well from the East to central Midwest. It is highly resistant to red stele, with intermediate resistance to Verticillium wilt.

Strawberry, Earliglow

"Wonderful strawberry flavor" is this variety's trademark. Earliglow's fruit has a very firm, glossy skin, firm flesh, and medium size. Its sweet flavor makes the variety excellent for fresh eating and freezing. Fruit size tends to decrease as the season progresses. Earliglow plants are very vigorous and runner well. This variety has good resistance to red stele and intermediate resistance to Verticillium wilt. Recommended for beginners.

Native Potted Plants from a Merrimack County Greenhouse

Black-eyed Susan*

Perennial. Bright golden-yellow daisy-like flowers with dark button eyes. Blooms in summer. Likes full sun, average to moist, well-drained soil, grows 2- 2½' tall, 2-3' wide.

Blue Vervain*

Perennial. Stiff, pencil-like spikes of numerous small, tubular, blue-violet flowers. Likes moderately fertile, well-drained soil in a sunny position. Grows up to 5' tall.

Boneset*	Perennial. Likes moist woods and thickets; swamps, flowerheads around ¼” across, in large, flat clusters, color: white, or rarely purple, flowers in July to October. Grows 2-4’.
Cardinal Flower*	Perennial. Requires moist, rich soil and responds well to cultivation. Pollinated by hummingbirds, best in partial shade. May require replanting every few years. Grows 3-4’.
Great Lobelia*	Perennial. Likes swamps, wet meadows, wet woods, Ht: 1-3’, 1” long blue-purple flowers, Flowering time: August to September.
Joe-Pye Weed*	Perennial. Perfect for planting along streambanks and pond edges. Butterflies find it irresistible, best in full sun with moist soil, tolerates some shade. Grows 4-6’ tall, 4’ wide.
Juniper, Bar Harbor*	A very low-growing, spreading groundcover, full sun to partial shade, slightly sandy & acidic to well-drained, also does well in rocky soils.
Rhododendron, Big Leaved*	Shrub. A mid to late season bloomer. Hardy, sun tolerant plant. Has a compact growth habit with shiny dark green leaves. Tight trusses of 3 inch flowers.
Paper Birch*	NH State Tree. Paper birch grows in a wide variety of conditions, from full sun to moderate shade, and from dry soils to moist ones -- will not tolerate waterlogging. Grows up to 70’ in 60-70 years.

Composting Supplies and Rainbarrels

Compost Worms	Joan’s Famous Worms sold here! Create compost inside your home with red wiggler worms. Kept in a bin with a ventilated top. MCCD will provide an information sheet. When well managed the only odor is of freshly turned soil and you can use the compost in your yard. The worms are fine for fishing, but not to feed pet turtles or frogs, they are not cold hardy for outdoors in NH.
Earth Machine Composter	This 80-gallon capacity compost bin easily converts grass, leaves, and table scraps into an abundant supply of rich garden soil. Made of recycled plastic. Easy to assemble. Dimensions – 33” x 35”.
Turnable Composter with Base	Attached stand makes turning your compost easy. No shovel or pitchfork needed. Screw top makes adding compost, taking compost out, or cleaning easy. Made of recycled materials. Recycle your kitchen and yard waste in only minutes. Made in Vermont.
System© Rain Barrel	This attractive, beige 55-gallon rain barrel is made of recycled plastic.
Kitchen Pail	This 2-gallon capacity pail easily accommodates the shape of plates for “mess free” scraping. Hinged lid snaps securely to pail. Attractive & easy to use.

Conservation Books:

Worms Eat My Garbage

An excellent, comprehensive guide to your composting worms. This book answers the most common worm composting questions. It expands on appropriate kinds of worm bin containers, including several available commercial bins, and gives more information about worms and their associated organisms.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

A Chelsea Green Guide that answers all of your recycling questions with a complete listing of everyday household items and how to recycle them. From old cell phones and e-waste to expired medicines and motor oil, this little guide shows you where you can send your unwanted items and how you might make a little bit of money while you're at it.

Energy: Use Less -- Save More

A Chelsea Green Guide. 100 energy-saving tips for everything in your home or business. Includes suggestions on heating and cooling, lighting, cooking, appliances, and much more. Also provides an overview on renewable-energy options.

Water: Use Less -- Save More

A Chelsea Green Guide. 100 simple and effective tips for saving water inside and outdoors at your home or business. Packed with practical ideas for your kitchen, bath, landscaping, and water-using chores.

Composting: An Easy Household Guide

A Chelsea Green Guide. An A-to-Z directory of how to compost everything from ash to weeds, plus expert advice on how to compost in small spaces, bins, and wormeries while getting your community involved.

Other Interesting Items:

Neon Pink Marking Flags

24" plastic staff, fluorescent pink flagging. Sold in bundles of 10. Excellent way to identify where new trees and bushes have been planted. Helps protect them from lawn mowers, weed whackers, and people in general.

Fertilizer Tablets (20-10-5)

9 gram tablets. these slow release fertilizers supply yall the major nutrients needed for up to 2 years. One tablet for seedlings and transplants.

☒NOTE ON FRUIT TREES AND BUSHES: Most fruit trees and bushes need cross-pollination with a different variety of that type of fruit for good production. For blueberries, it is important to plant at least two different types, or already have one close by.

Planting and care instructions will be included with your plants when you pick-up your order.



Pssst... This little bird has some news. Not all Conservation District Plant Sales are the same! Another Conservation District may have a plant sale closer to you or offer different plant selections. For a listing of county conservation districts, please visit www.nhacd.org. The NH State Nursery also has a selection of bareroot trees and shrubs- all grown here in Merrimack County. Please visit www.nhnursery.com. For all your other conservation questions or assistance please don't hesitate to contact the Merrimack County Conservation District at telephone (603) 223-6023.