

## Resources

# Grow Native Massachusetts

*Every garden matters ~ Every landscape counts*

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[www.grownativemass.org/resources/nativeplants](http://www.grownativemass.org/resources/nativeplants)

This page includes some essential **resources** and many **native plant** reference guides. ... This focuses on **native plants** for the northeastern United States and covers the gamut— trees, shrubs, vines, wildflowers, grasses, and ferns— all in one .

### New England Wildflower Society

<http://www.newenglandwild.org>



New England Wild Flower Society conserves native plants in the wild and encourages gardeners and landscape professionals to choose natives when they plant outdoor spaces, particularly plants grown from local seeds, harvested sustainably in the wild.

Garden in the Woods is the Society's botanic garden, showcasing an unrivaled collection of both rare and common native plants in a dramatic woodland setting. Your journey through the heart of the 45-acre property takes you from glacier-carved ridges into steep-sided valleys with a pond, a bog, and a meandering stream—a stunning canvas for a series of naturalistic gardens that display the colors and textures of native plants as the seasons unfold.

In the newly expanded **Curtis Woodland Garden**, sweeps of color highlight the dramatic landforms of the forest floor in early spring, as our nationally recognized collection of trilliums, as well as hepaticas, trout lilies, and other spring ephemerals bloom. **A new meadow garden** features plants that colonize the region's old farm fields, including gray goldenrod and New England aster, which make for an especially glorious late-summer display. You'll also enjoy gardens focused on New England's typical habitats, a place for family activities, and our [Garden Shop](#).

During the growing season, the shop offers the largest selection of native plants in New England, plus garden books, tools, and eco-friendly gifts for kids and adults. You can also place advance orders for box lunches to enjoy during your visit to the Garden (see below).

## City Natives

Find native plants for your community garden plot right in the heart of the city.

<http://www.thetrustees.org/places-to-visit/greater-boston/city-natives.html>



City Natives serves as The Trustees' native plant nursery and horticultural learning center, for the people of Boston and beyond. The roughly half-acre site holds a modest greenhouse and nursery where we raise plants native to our local climate. We grow the plants for community garden common areas and for restoration projects throughout the city. The greenhouse doubles as a gardening classroom for our educational programs and for training volunteers.

City Natives is also home to our Learning Garden. Here you can see interpretive garden beds that demonstrate intensive gardening techniques unique to urban and community gardens. Our displays change with the season, so plan to visit us often throughout the growing season!

Our City Natives campus also includes an apiary, native plant display gardens, a wildflower meadow, and a small orchard. Volunteers help us care for and maintain City Natives – [please contact us](#) if you'd like to lend a hand.

## Rain Garden Resources

<https://www.neponset.org/archived-pages/rain-garden/>

Includes a guide on how to site, plan, design, plant and maintain a rain garden.

<http://nemo.uconn.edu/raingardens>

A succinct, illustrated brochure and link to a downloadable rain garden APP for smart phones. Topics include: What is a Rain Garden? Are They Difficult to Install? How D

<http://www.ecolandscaping.org>

Native Plant Selection for Biofilters and Rain Gardens by Catherine Neal Phd.

## Composting Resources

<https://www.mass.gov/lists/home-composting-green-landscaping>

<https://www.neponset.org/happenings/always-bag-or-compost-yard-waste/>

**The Great American Rain Barrel Company: Reuse Repurpose Recycle**  
[www.greatamericanrainbarrel.com](http://www.greatamericanrainbarrel.com)

**Massachusetts Audubon Society** <https://www.massaudubon.org/>

**Milton Garden Club** <http://www.miltongardenclub.org>

**Neponset River Watershed Assoc.** <https://www.neponset.org/>

**National Wildlife Federation** <https://www.nwf.org/Garden-for-Wildlife/Certify>

**The Xerces Society** <https://xerces.org/> [pollinator go-to]

**Sustainable Milton**  
<https://www.facebook.com/Sustainable-Milton-422554304429071/>

**Friends of the Blue Hills**  
<http://friendsofthebluehills.org/>

**DCR Trailside Museum**  
<https://www.massaudubon.org/get-outdoors/wildlife-sanctuaries/blue-hills-trailside-museum>

**Arnold Arboretum**  
<https://www.arboretum.harvard.edu/>

**Milton DPW**  
<https://www.townofmilton.org/department-public-works>

**Massachusetts Master Gardeners Association**  
<http://massmastergardeners.org/>

**Wakefield Estate**  
<http://wakefieldtrust.org/>

***DIY topics to research using org/.edu science-based sites***

*Native Plants ~ Rain Gardens*

*Pollinators ~ Habitat*

*Biodiversity*

*Climate Change*

