# Important Dates for the 2024 Growing Season

**FEBRUARY 1 - MARCH 8**  - Place Fruit Tree Orders

**MARCH 4**  - Seeds Available

**MARCH 4**  - Onion Sets & Seed Potatoes Available

**MARCH 18**  - Onion, Leek, and Shallot Plants Available

**MARCH 21 (Green & Yellow Cards)**  
Spring Cool Season Plants Available  
Includes asparagus, berries, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, collards, kale and lettuce

**MARCH 22 (All Cards)**  
Spring Cool Season Plants Available  
Includes asparagus, berries, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, collards, kale and lettuce

**MARCH 25 - APRIL 27**  - Place Sweet Potato Orders

**AUGUST 12 through SEPTEMBER 13**  
Place Garlic Orders

**SEPTEMBER 7**  
Gardens at Sunset - Annual Fundraiser for KCCG

**SEPTEMBER 21**  
Fall Family Festival - Beanstalk Children’s Garden

**KCK Satellite Seed & Plant Sales**

**Spring Satellite Seed & Plant Sale**  
Jersey Creek Community Garden  
11th St & Parallel Pkwy, Kansas City, KS 66104  
(Heathwood Park)  
**MARCH 25** - from 5 to 6 pm

**Summer Satellite Seed & Plant Sale**  
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**APRIL 29** - from 5 to 6 pm

**JUNE 3**  
The Leanna Flandermeyer Beanstalk Children’s Garden opens for tours

**JULY 25**  
Fall Cool Season Plants available  
Includes broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, collards and kale

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**Learn (More) About Gardening!**

See page 4 for information about our FREE Gardening Workshops.

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**KCCG's Membership Referral Program**

Do you have a friend or neighbor who has expressed an interest in gardening? Send them our way! If they sign up to be a KCCG member, you'll earn free garden gifts!

Here’s how it works:
- Successfully refer ONE member and earn 5 free seed packs.
- Successfully refer TWO members and earn a free 3-pack of veggie transplants.
- Successfully refer THREE members and earn a free KCCG t-shirt.

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**KCCG Regular Hours:**

Monday: 10am - 5pm  
Tuesday - Friday: 9 am - 5 pm

**Extended Garden Season Hours:**

Open Tuesdays until 6:30pm  
(March 26 - May 21)

Saturdays from 9am to 12pm  
(March 23 - May 4)
Interested in starting a school garden? Email syg@kccg.org or call 816.931.3877, Ext. 319 to learn more.

To enroll, visit KCCG's Swope Park Headquarters or sign up online at www.kccg.org/become-a-member.

KCCG offers guided group tours for $4/person. Scholarships may be available upon request. Please schedule group tours in advance by emailing us at tours@kccg.org or calling 816.931.3877 Ext. 302. Families may visit the garden for self-guided tours any time we are open and without scheduling in advance.

Self-guided tours are free (donations accepted).

Which Program Is Right For You?

Individual & Family Gardens: Are you growing a garden at home, or renting a plot in a community garden? Sign up for a membership with KCCG and gain access to low-cost pricing on seeds, plants and garden supplies. We offer four levels of memberships, based on household income and size:

- Green Card memberships are $2
- Yellow Card memberships are $15
- Orange Card memberships are $30
- Blue Card membership are $45

Memberships are purchased on an annual basis and are good from October 1 to September 30. With your membership, you'll receive 10 packs of seeds and a 10-pound bag of fertilizer. You'll also gain access to member-level pricing on additional seed packs, vegetable transplants, fruit trees and berry plants, gardening tools and supplies, rental plots at KCCG gardens, tilling services, free educational resources, technical consultations and more.

Rent A Plot Gardens: Are you ready to garden but don’t have space to grow at home? KCCG manages 9 large community garden sites that provide a perfect solution for gardeners who live in apartments or have shady backyards. We offer 4x12” raised beds and 20’x25’ ground plots, depending on location. KCCG has nine community garden sites with ground plots and/or raised beds for rent:

- Ivanhoe/Reid Park (36th and Park, KCMO)
- Eastwood Hills (8100 Ward Parkway, KCMO)
- Prospect (3008 Prospect, KC)
- Freeway Park (1402 Indiana, KC)
- Kaufman Legacy Park (4750 Troost Ave., KC)
- Northrup Park (6101 Northrup Blvd, KCC)
- Research Medical Center (2316 E. Meyer, KC)
- Swope Park Community Garden (6917 Kensington, KCMO)

You must have a current KCCG membership to rent a bed. Raised beds are $8 for Green Card members and $20 for Yellow and Orange Cards and $25 for Blue Card members. Ground plots are $10 for Green Card members and $25 for Yellow and Orange Card members and $30 Blue Card members. To inquire about availability, contact phil@kccg.org or call 816.931.3877, Ext. 302. Please note that garden sites fill quickly and your name may be added to a waiting list.

Community Partner Gardens: Are you interested in starting a community garden in your neighborhood? Or you are part of an existing garden that could use a little extra help? KCCG works with community organizations, schools, faith, health facilities, youth agencies and more to build and sustain food-producing gardens. Our team can guide you through choosing a site, constructing your garden and engaging community members to share in the work. Once you’re up and running, we can provide you with low-cost seeds, plants and supplies, tilling services and assistance with troubleshooting challenges as they arise.

Contact the Community Partner Garden team at cpg@kccg.org or 816.931.3877, Ext. 314 to learn more.

Giving Grove Neighborhood Orchards: Fruits, berries and nuts provide a long-term, sustainable source of healthy foods. An average 15-tree orchard can produce more than 12,000 servings of fruit each year. Ready to start an orchard? Our Giving Grove Neighborhood Orchards are filled with fruit trees, nuts, berries, and brambles that will excite and delight your taste buds.

KCCG offers Girl Scout badge workshops and Scouts BSA Adventure Days. Admission is $15 per scout, adult chaperones attend free of charge. Scholarships may be available upon request. For more information including dates and times of workshops, visit: www.kccg.org/scout-badge-schedule

Not Just For Kids!

Don’t let its name fool you – the Beanstalk is a fascinating space for people of all ages, not just children. You’ll find many of the seed and plant varieties that KCCG offers to gardeners growing in the Beanstalk, including fun and colorful varieties from our Beanstalk Seeds line. The next time you’re at the KCCG office, plan a little extra time to take a tour and see what’s growing here!

Hours

The Beanstalk Children’s Garden is open June 3 to mid October for guided tours. Free walk-in visitors are welcome anytime between 9am-5pm Mondays-Fridays and 9am-12pm on Saturdays during the summer.

Fall Family Festival

On September 21, join us in the Beanstalk for the Fall Family Festival! This event is free fun for the whole family with activities, exhibits and more!
**I’m ready to get growing! Where do I start?**

**Step 1: Plan Your Garden**

First things first - decide what vegetable and fruit plants you’d like to grow. KCCG offers a large catalog of seeds and fruit and vegetable plants. Spend some time perusing all of our offerings on pages 6-14 and make a list of everything that looks interesting or tasty.

Next, make a planting plan. It’s helpful to measure your garden space and draw out a planting diagram for the spring, summer and fall seasons. Use the planting calendar at right and the list of fast- and slow-growing crops to help you know when to plant and how long to allow space for the plant in your garden. With a little practice, you can rotate crops through the seasons to get maximum yields from your space. On our website, you’ll find a more in-depth guide to creating a planting plan, along with sample plans for each season and an online calculator to help you know how many seeds and plants you’ll need.

You’ll find all these at www.kccg.org/planting-plan.

**Step 2: Check Out our Online Resource Library**

KCCG’s website is host to an extensive library of gardening resources. From guidesheets to short how-to videos and full-length workshop recordings, if you have questions, we probably have answers!

You’ll find all of these at www.kccg.org/gardening-resources.

**Step 3: Make Plans to Attend a Free Workshop**

Learn from KCCG’s team of experts at one of our free gardening and cooking workshops (see details below). Pre-registration is required.

To sign up, visit www.kccg.org/workshops or call 816-931-3877. Workshops in 2024 will be live but we will have videos of all our workshops on our virtual workshop page: www.kccg.org/virtual-workshops.

**Step 4: Come Visit Us with Questions**

Still have questions, or puzzled by something that’s not quite right in your garden? Stop by the KCCG office and visit with our staff. Technical assistance is provided to members free of charge.

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**2024 Free Workshops**

KCCG will host the workshops below at our Swope Park Headquarters (6917 Kissingon Ave / KCMO, 64132). We also partner with Kansas City Public Libraries to host satellite workshops at several libraries in KCMO.

For more information on all workshops and to sign up for a workshop, visit www.kccg.org/workshops.

### Spring

- **Friday, January 26th @ 12:00pm**
  - Selecting and Planting Fruit Trees and Berry Bushes
- **Friday, February 9th @ 12:00pm**
  - Fruit Tree Care and Maintenance
- **Friday, February 16th @ 12:00pm**
  - Cool Season Spring Vegetable Crops
- **Friday, February 23rd @ 12:00pm**
  - Hands-on Fruit Tree and Small Fruit Pruning
- **Friday, March 1st @ 12:00pm**
  - Vegetable Garden Basics
- **Friday, March 15th @ 12:00pm**
  - Organic Gardening

### Summer & Fall

- **Friday, June 7th @ 12:00pm**
  - Controlling Insects in Your Garden
- **Tuesday, June 11th @ 5:30pm**
  - Hands-on in the Garden - Planting for Beneficial Insects and Pollinators

### Fast and Slow Growing Crops

**Fast - Harvest in 3-5 Weeks:**

- Arugula
- Cilantro
- Green Onions
- Lettuce
- Mustard Greens
- Radishes
- Spinach

**Slow - Harvest in 7-12 Weeks:**

- Melons
- Squash
- Basil
- Tomatoes
- Peppers
- Beets
- Broccoli
- Bulb Onions
- Cabbage
- Carrots
- Collards
- Kale
- Potatoes
- Sugar Snap Peas
- Sweet Potatoes (*Harvest in 15-20 weeks)

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**Planting Calendar**

Below are the recommended dates to plant varieties for the Kansas City area. Unless it notes “plants”, recommended dates refer to seeds. For descriptions of each variety listed, refer to pages 6-14.

- **Arugula** 3/15 - 4/25 8/1 - 8/20
- **Asparagus** 4/1 - 4/20
- **Bean, Bush** 4/15 - 5/20 7/25 - 8/10
- **Bean, Lima** 5/5 - 5/25
- **Bean, Pole** 5/5 - 5/20
- **Beet** 3/15 - 4/15 8/1 - 8/10
- **Berry Plants** 3/15 - 4/15
- **Brussels sprouts (plants)** 3/20 - 4/10 7/20 - 8/5
- **Cabbage (plants)** 3/20 - 4/20 8/1 - 8/20
- **Cantaloupe** 5/1 - 5/20
- **Carrot** 3/15 - 4/5
- **Cauliflower (plants)** 5/1 - 5/20
- **Collards (seeds or plants)** 3/15 - 4/10 7/25 - 8/20
- **Corn** 4/25 - 7/15
- **Cucumber** 5/1 - 8/1
- **Eggplant (plants)** 5/1 - 5/25
- **Fruit Trees** 3/15 - 4/15
- **Ground Chory (seeds or plants)** 5/7 - 5/25
- **Garlic (bulbs)** 11/15 - 12/15
- **Kale (seeds or plants)** 5/1 - 6/10
- **Lettuce, Head (seeds or plants)** 3/15 - 4/20 8/1 - 8/20
- **Lettuce, Leaf (seeds or plants)** 3/15 - 5/10 8/1 - 8/20
- **Mustard Greens** 3/15 - 5/1 8/1 - 8/30
- **Okra** 5/1 - 5/25
- **Pea, Green - Snap, Snow, English (Short vine varieties for fall planting)** 8/1 - 8/10
- **Pea, Southern** 4/25 - 5/15
- **Pepper (plants)** 5/1 - 5/30
- **Pumpkin** 3/15 - 4/10 5/1 - 6/10
- **Radish** 3/15 - 5/1 8/1 - 8/25
- **Spinach** 3/20 - 2/40 8/1 - 8/25
- **Squash, Summer** 4/25 - 5/15 8/1 - 8/20
- **Squash, Winter** 4/25 - 5/15 8/1 - 8/20
- **Sweet Potato (plants)** 3/15 - 4/10 8/1 - 8/20
- **Tatsoi** 3/15 - 5/1 8/1 - 8/30
- **Tomatillo (seeds or plants)** 5/1 - 5/25
- **Tomato (plants)** 5/1 - 5/25
- **Turnip** 3/20 - 5/1 5/1 - 5/25
- **Watermelon** 5/1 - 5/20
- **Herbs, Flowers and Miscellaneous**
  - Arugula
  - Spinach
  - Radishes
  - Basil
  - Cilantro
  - Kale
  - Collards
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**2024 FRUIT PLANT DESCRIPTIONS & ORDERING INFORMATION**

**FRUIT TREES**

- **Tree Order Form**: Available for all fruit cards participating in March 1st and due by March 8th, 2024
- To order fruit trees you must be a current member, order online www.kccg.org/fruitorders
- All fruit trees ordered must be paid at the time the order is submitted. You may also come into our office and pay via cash, check or credit card. No phone orders, and no mail in orders.
- Your trees or berries must be as healthy as possible to get acclimated to your soil.

**FRUIT PRICING**

- **Strawberry Plants**
  - Green Card = $3.50/each
  - Orange Card = $4.00/each
  - Blue Card = $5.00/each
- **Blackberry Plants**
  - Green Card = $3.50/each
  - Orange Card = $4.00/each
- **Raspberry Plants**
  - Green Card = $2.50/each
  - Orange Card = $3.00/each
  - Blue Card = $4.00/each
- **All Fruit Trees - Includes Apple, Cherry, Jujube, Peach & Pear**
  - Blue Card = $5.00/each
  - Green Card = $3.50/each
  - Orange Card = $4.50/each
  - Yellow Card = $4.00/each
- **All seeds and plants listed below will go on sale at our office on the dates listed, weather permitting.**

**ASPARAGUS**

- **Available March 18th (Green & Yellow Cards) & March 22nd (All Cards)**

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

- **March 23rd.**

**Order Deadline**

- Fruit Tree Orders are due by March 8, 2024.

**New Varieties**

- "Williams Pride" Apple (continued)
  - Field grown to full color, extremely hardy resistant to apple scab, fire-blight and powdery mildew. A Piri selection.

**CHERRY**

- **Blackgold** Sweet Tart-Cherry
  - On Kmsk 5, semi-dwarf rootstock, 12-18'.
  - Fruits have a good tolerance of chill clay soils.
  - Large fruits rippen and darken throughout the month.
  - In mid-June, fruit is firm and has good crack resistance.

**Lamprin** Hybrid Sweet Tart-Cherry
- On Semi-standard rootstock, 20-25'.
- Fruits are large with deep reddish-purple color. Fruit starts ripening in early June and will darken and sweeten over a period of about three weeks.

**Montmorency** Hybrid Sweet Tart-Cherry
- On Semi-standard rootstock, 20-25'.
- Well-known for its sweet flavor and smooth texture when eaten fresh.

**BERRIES**

- **Cavendish** Strawberry
  - Produces huge crops of medium to large red berries with outstanding flavor. Plants convert better in well-drained, not too fertile soil. RIPENS mid-May, May, sold in bundles of 10, limit 10 bundles.

- **Natchez** Thornless Blackberry
  - Large thornless blackberry
  - Yellow, medium to large fruits with a delicious sweetness.
  - Ripens late in the summer.

**LEeks**

- **Available March 18th**
  - Member pricing per bundle of 25:
    - Green = $2.00/each
    - Yellow = $4.00/each
    - Orange = $5.00/each

**Garlic**

- **Available March 18th**
  - Each variety is available in a white and a purple variety.
  - Member pricing per bundle of 25:
    - White = $2.00/each
    - Purple = $3.00/each

**PEACH**

- **Harlow Delight** Peach - OHxF333 rootstock 12-15'. This is the first peach variety to ripen in our area in mid-late July. 6-9 oz. fruits should be harvested as they turn a light green.

**JUJUBE**

- **Lang** Jujube (needs pollinator) Available on OHxF97 rootstock, 15-18'.

**APRICOT**

- **Available March 22nd (All Cards)**

**KCGG Plants and Seeds**

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**SHALLOTS**
Available March 18th
Market price per bundle of 25
Green - $2.50, Yellow - $3.00, Orange - $3.50, Blue - $4.00

**CABBAGE**
- 100 - 120 days - Dyed red, flavored with blue-green leaves.
- 65 days - Darker green, larger heads and excellent disease resistance.

**LETTUCE**
- 60 days - Boston/Loosehead type. Leaves are thick, crisp and tender.

**BROCCOLI**
- 70 days - An old Amish variety. Large tomatoes with a very full flavor and plenty of tomatoes.

**CAULIFLOWER**
- 70 days - A classic tomato, large, fuzzy, up to 2 lbs. with scarlet, smooth skin, thick and juicy flesh. Extremely vigorous plants.

**HEIRLOOM TOMATOES**
- 78 days - A classic tomato, large, fuzzy, up to 2 lbs. with scarlet, smooth skin, thick and juicy flesh. Extremely vigorous plants.

**BELL PEPPERS**
- 60 days - Golden yellow bell pepper. Extremely vigorous plants. 4-6" long, 2" wide, sweet, with a very sweet red pepper. (open-pollinated)

**HOT PEPPERS**
- 60 days - Golden yellow bell pepper. Extremely vigorous plants. 4-6" long, 2" wide, sweet, with a very sweet red pepper. (open-pollinated)

**Eggplant**
- 65 days - Dark purple flesh with classic teardrop shape. Prolific on strong upright plants with good stress tolerance.

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**CHERRY TOMATOES**
Black Cherry - 64 days - Sweet and robust, round fruits almost black in color. High yield. Dark red color. Large (indeterminate) (open pollinated).

Mexi Mini - 65 days - Small-fruited cherry with very tasty and productive. The fruits are 1.5" in diameter, dark red in color. High yield. Large (indeterminate) (open pollinated).

Sun Gold Cherry - 57 days - Tangerine-orange, sweet, and meaty flavored tomatoes on high-yielding plants. (indeterminate) (hybrid).

**Super Sweet 100** - 70-90 days - (VF) Plants grow to 7 feet or more on 100 or more super-sweet cherry tomatoes, measuring 1" in diameter. Extra-high in vitamin C. (indeterminate) (hybrid).

Sweet Chelsea - 67 days - (VFNFNA) Cherry tomato with large 2" super sweet fruit. Vigorous 3' plants should be staked. (indeterminate) (hybrid).

**Tomato Variety Information and Code Designations:**
Tomato plants are subject to many diseases and the initial/codes refer to disease resistance with each initial referring to the specific disease. You can also read online about the different diseases but in general, the more codes you see in the variety description - the more resistant the variety will be to the diseases. Here is the key to the primary resistance designations:

**V - Verticillium wilt (fungus disease)**
**F - Fusarium wilt (fungus disease)**
**FF - Fusarium wilt (race 1,2,6)**
**FIF - Fusarium wilt (race 3,4,5,6)**
**NE - Nematodes (microscopic worm pests)**
**T - Tobacco mosaic (virus disease)**
**A - Alternaria stem blight (fungus disease)**
**LB - Late blight (fungus disease)**
**St - Stomphylium (fungus disease)**

**Hybrids vs. Open Pollinated**
The other designations you will encounter in the variety descriptions are “hybrids” or “open pollinated.” A hybrid variety is the direct result of intentional cross-pollination, “hybridizing.” A hybrid variety is a cross-bred plant variety with traits not found in either of the parents. Hybrid plants are often less susceptible to disease and pests than the varieties they were bred from. They also tend to be taller and more productive. Open pollinated varieties are non-hybrid and are the result of a variety being pollinated by the same species. May seeds be saved and reproduce true to the plant parent.

**HERBS**
Sold Individually
- $1.50 (Green) $1.00 (Yellow)
- $2.00 (Orange) $3.00 (Blue)

*Perennial* vs. *Annual or Biennial*
Perennial plants regrow every spring. Annual plants live for only one growing season then die off. Biennial plants grow the first year and flower/fruits and die the next year.

**Perennial**
- Rosemary - This popular herb is actually a woody shrub from the Mediterranean region. It is very cold hardy but usually does not survive winters here. The leaves are silvery green and needle-like with distinctive fragrance. Used fresh or dry in many savory dishes. (tender perennial)
- Sage - Beautiful gray green leaves with distinctive scent accompanied by gorgeous spikes of small blue lavender flowers in early summer. The leaves are usually dried for use in soups, salads, etc. Dried sage is the herb used to give dishes their distinctive flavor. Does best in well drained soil. ( perennial)

**Annual**
- Basil - This is a classic Genovese (Italian) basil variety with impressive resistance to downy mildew. Fast growing, dark green glossy leaves and traditional aroma. Basil is an extremely important culinary herb and fresh basil is an essential ingredient for cooking. If you let it flower, it slows the leaf growth but provides forage for bees. 24-28" tall (hybrid) (Annual)
- Cardinal Basil - Ornamental and edible “That type” basil with larger leaves and showy purplish stems and attractive purple-red flowers.
- Onion Chives - This is the standard garden chives. Long live green stems with onion flavor. Purple blossoms in spring. Chives are a member of the onion family. It grows in clumps that get bigger but can be cut repeatedly and will regrow. Very tolerant of cold weather. Use fresh or salted to add “‘green’” to salads and soups. High in vitamins C and K. (perennial)
- French Sorrel - This leafy herb salad has a pleasantly sour or acidic taste. Typically used fresh in salads, soups and stews. Younger, smaller leaves are best as they are less acidic. Remove the flowers as they form to keep up leaf production. (perennial)

**Flat leaf parsley** (variety: “Giant of Italy”)
This preferred culinary variety has huge dark green flat leaves with great flavor. Strong upright stems. Parsley is an important culinary herb that is very nutritious. – High in vitamins K and C. (perennial)

**Marjoram** - Sometimes called “Sweet Marjoram,” this culinary herb is a relative of oregano and is grown as an annual in our region. It is an important ingredient in the famous herb mix “Herbes de Provence” and is used in sauces and soups, stews, salad dressings, sauces and herbal teas.

**SPECIALTY PLANTS**
**Ground Cherry - Aunt Molly - 70 days** - Small cherry fruit covered with a papery husk. Pick when the fruits fall to the ground. The flavor is intensely sweet and perfectly concentrated. Grow in pies, sauces, and wonderful fresh.

**Tomatillo - Purple - 60 days** - Beautiful bright purple seed pods with golden yellow fruit in a husk. Much sweeter than green. Harvest when completely golden. Great for salads and healthy antioxidants. Let the fruit hang on the plant as long as possible for the husk to split open and for maximum flavor and color. Plant two or more plants for best pollination.

**Tomatillo - Toma Verde - 60 days** - Early-maturing large, flat round green fruit. Good for salsa and other Latin American recipes. Plant two or more plants for better pollination. (indeterminate)

**Perennials**
- Perennial plants will be available April 25th and Cannas will be available April 29th.

**HERBS & POLLINATORS**
Pollinators will be available April 25th and Cannas will be available April 29th.

**KCCG General Seeds**
Available March 15th. Additional packs available with membership.

**KCCG 30th Anniversary Gourmet Blend** - 60 days - This custom blend was specially chosen to celebrate KCCG’s 30th anniversary. It includes 11 great tasting premium lettuce varieties (Comman, Red Russian, Snow Bowl, Oakleaf Red, Royal Sails, Buttercups, Tango, Bibb, Cos, Boston, and Canasta, Four Seasons) with great diversity.

**LETTUCE**
- Buttercups - 60 days - Boston/loosehead lettuce. Heads are thick, crisp and tender. Tends to bolt better than our other lettuce varieties.

**MUSTARD**
- Curly Leaf - 55 days - Bright green leaves that are crinkly and crumpled leaves. Upright plants are slow to bolt. Strong mustard flavor.

**Florida Broadleaf - 50 days** - Early, fast-growing variety for processing, market, and home gardening. Large, upright plants 10" high, deep green, oval-shaped, smooth, medium.

**CUMBERCUCUMBER**
- Marketmore 56 - 66 days - Long, slender, dark green slicing cucumbers. Good for slicing. Transplant early and harvest when 8-10" long. (hybrid)
- Early Wonder Tall Top - 45 days - Earliest beets and greens. Large vigorous tops. Tall growing variety for processing, market and freezing. Good for beds, for freezing or freezing. (hybrid)

**BEEF**
- Detroit Dark Red - 45-70 days - 2-5" globe roots of blood-red color. For canning and freezing.
- Early Wonder Tall Top - 45 days - Earliest beets and greens. Large vigorous tops. Tall growing variety for processing, market and freezing. Good for beds, for freezing or freezing. (hybrid)

**GREENS & MISCELLANEOUS**
- Astro Arugula - 38 days - Peppery flavored, cool-season, salad green. Early, heat tolerant, strip leaf variety. Good flavor, best when pickled.
- Swiss Chard - 60 days - Standard blue/green curled leaves. Plants are 14" tall.
- Radish Bowl - 45 days - A green leaf lettuce that is sweet and crisp. Ruffled leaves; slow to bolt.
- Mustard - Curly Leaf - 55 days - Bright green leaves that are crinkly and crumpled leaves. Upright plants are slow to bolt. Strong mustard flavor.
- Florida Broadleaf - 50 days - Early, fast-growing variety for processing, market, and home gardening. Large, upright plants 10" high, deep green, oval-shaped, smooth, medium.
- Giant Red Mustard - 45 days - Very attractive plant with reddish leaves. Can be harvested either as a 6" plant or allowed to grow to 17". Has a mild, mustard flavor. Sow spring through fall. Slow bolter.
- Tendergreen Mustard - 40 days - Large plants, quick growing. Leaves are oblong, thick, green, and mild dark green. Mustard-scallion flavor.
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**FLowers**

Hyacinth Bean 'Ruby Moon' - This vigorous-growing tropical vine has purple flowers, beans and leaves. The flowers are the best tasting part of this plant, as they have a nice crunchy, beefy flavor but the pods are not especially good tasting and the dry seeds are toxic. Vines grow very long so support is needed. Flowering begins in July or early August going until frost. This is a non-leguminous vine. The plant of the Beanstalk Children's Garden.

Marigold 'Safari Mix' - Beautiful blend of orange, yellow and scarlet blooms. Sturdy, semi-dwarf plant (6" to 16") with large double-bloom flowers 1" to 2" across. Start indoors 4-6 weeks before last frost, around March 20-30.

Moonflower, White - 5' blooms open in the evening with a sweet fragrance. Vines grow 10-20' long.

Morning Glory 'Clark's Heavenly Blue' - A vigorously growing vine with large, white flowers. Vines climb up fences, trellises and to aid germination either nick seed coat or soak for 36-48 hours before planting.

Sunflower 'Autumn Beauty' - This variety is a warm blend of yellow, orange, bronze and red sunflowers that are 4-6' across. Excellent for cut flowers and dried arrangements. Multi-branch plants are 5-6' tall.

Sunflower 'Giant Grey Stripe' - Produces huge heads up to 20' across that are filled with large, thin-shelled, very plump seeds that are high in protein. Plants are 8 to 12' tall. Use seeds for snacks, bird food or chicken feed.

Zinnia 'Benary Giants' Mixed Colors - 75-90 days from transplanting. Benary Giants have large vibrant blooms that are fully double. Plants are up to 4' tall with 4-6' stems. The flowers hold longer in the vase than standard zinnias. They are less susceptible to powdery mildew than other zinnias. Keep flowers picked to stimulate blooming.

**Herbs**

Basil ‘Mrs. Barbara Lemon’ - 60 days Very bright green 2.5' long leaves with white blossoms. Both attractive and intensely flavorful. 20 to 24" height. (annual)

Borage - 44-55 days - Large plant bearing hundreds of small, edible blue flowers in blue with some pink. Milk and honey good flavor for salads and garnishes. 18" height. (annual)

French Sorrel - 60 days - This perennial salad herb is a favorite of children. They have a sharp, sour lemony flavor making them delicious to eat right out of the garden. Young leaves are best. Can be eaten in salads or cooked gently for soups.

**FUn & Unique SeedS**

Cotton - 165-180 days - This is the same color cotton you put in your tourist and jeans. Some varieties have naturally colored fibers instead of white. Grow and harvest the zip-ties to hold them together. Cages may have sharp edges and rust. A truck bed is the best way to transport them. Please be prepared to take cages with you at the time of purchase. We are not able to hold cages for anyone.

Mouse Melon - Annual vine that reaches 8-10' long. Also called Mexican gherkins, mouse melons look like tiny watermelons but taste like miniature cucumbers. Fruits are ripe when 1/4" long. Just pop one in your mouth and enjoy a crispy crunch. Can be eaten raw or used to make pickles.

Peanuts 'Tennessee Red' - 110 days - An early-maturing peanut that is a good choice for shorter growing seasons. Mature peanuts are delicious freshly dug. Roast them or use in a delicious snack this winter. Peanuts are mature around Sept. 15 in our climate.

Sensitive Plant - An ornamental plant that is a favorite with kids. Touch the leaves and watch them go to sleep. Leaves are very sensitive to any touch. Watering, wind and rain will also make them droop. They have pink soft pink flower puffs. Reseeds and volunteer for the next year. Start indoors if desired.

Sweet Sorghum 'Sugar Drip' - 102 days 8' tall. Sweet sorghum is grown to make sorghum syrup. Seeds can be popped like popcorn. In the fall cut canes and suck out the sweet sap.

**Garden Supplies**

In addition to seeds and plants, KCCG offers a variety of recommended garden supplies at low cost. You must be a 2024 KCCG member to purchase. Garden supplies available while supplies last. For a full list of garden supplies, please visit www.kccg.org/garden-supplies or scan the QR Code to the right.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Garden supplies will be sold at market price.

**Garden Tools**

In addition to the seeds and plants that we offer, we also sell the following garden supplies at our Walk-up Sale only at our Swamp Office Park (6917 Kensington, Kansas City, MO 64132).

To see the full list of supplies, visit www.kccg.org/garden-supplies/

**Organic Fertilizer**

KCCG offers pelleted organic manure fertilizer. Members receive 10 pounds and may purchase additional quantities. All quantities are self-service.

**Insect Control**

KCCG offers affordable pest control products that are natural and/or certified for organic gardening. Please visit your garden supplies webpage to check availability or call us for available products.

**Together We Grow!**

More than 45,000 households harvested food from a KCCG-supported garden or orchard in 2023. Put another way, our services reach 1 out of every 19 households in the KC metro area! Work of this scope truly takes a community – and wouldn’t be possible without the generosity of many volunteers and donors. Ready to get involved? Here’s how you can help:

**Make A Gift**

At KCCG, we believe that everyone should be able to enjoy healthy foods. We’re on a mission to ensure that families, schools and community groups have the affordable resources and knowledge they need to be successful in growing their own fruits and vegetables. Gifts to KCCG help us to subsidize the costs of seeds, plants, fertilizer and tilling services. They also enable us to offer technical assistance and educational resources free of charge.

**Make a one-time or monthly gift online at www.kccg.org/donate**

Kansas City Community Gardens is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; EIN 43-1356677. Gifts to KCCG are tax-deductible as allowed by IRS regulations.

**Volunteer**

Volunteers play a vital role in KCCG’s day-to-day operations and long-term success. Each year, volunteers donate thousands of hours service to support KCCG’s work.

Volunteers help to fill seed packs, start transplants, build raised garden beds, help in our front office, and more. Groups and individuals are welcomed. We have opportunities for everyone – whether you’re a novice gardener or a seasoned pro.

Learn more and sign up at www.kccg.org/volunteer or contact our Volunteer Coordinator at: volunteer@kccg.org

**Garden Tilling**

Tillers are available for rent to all members. Green Cards pay $10, Yellow Cards pay $30, Orange Cards pay $50, and Blue Cards pay $50 for a 4-hour rental. We do not accept credit or debit cards (except only) is required at time of rental and will be returned to you when the tiller is returned to KCCG. Please bring a truck, large SUV or van to pick up; our tillers do not fit in the trunks of cars.

Home garden tillage services are available for the KC Metro Area. Green Card Members only. Services are provided on a first-come, first-served basis, for fees ranging between $8 and $25, depending on the size of your garden.

To sign up for home tillage, visit the KCCG office. Please bring proof of insurance with you.

Call 816.931.3877 to reserve a tiller.

www.beanstalkseeds.com

Fun & Unique Seeds

For beneficial soil organisms; helping to attract pollinators and other beneficial insects; for eye-catching addition to your garden. Members receive 10 pounds and may purchase additional quantities. All quantities are self-service.
Interested in growing your own food? KCCG is here to help!

KCCG is a non-profit organization that helps low-income households, schools and community groups to grow fruit and vegetables. We offer affordable plants & seeds, free workshops and expert advice.

For individuals & families:

KCCG offers an annual membership program. Membership fees are based on income and the number of people in your household and range from $2 to $45.

With your enrollment, you’ll receive:

- 10 free packs of seeds and the opportunity to buy more at low-cost member prices
- A free 10-lb. bag of fertilizer
- Starter plants, including vegetable and herb transplants, fruit trees, berry bushes and more at low-cost member prices
- Low-cost garden supplies, such as straw, compost and pest control products
- Low-cost tilling services and access to KCCG rental plot gardens

With a total investment of $25 or less and a little practice, it’s possible for a low-income KCCG member household to grow more than $600 of organic produce each year!

KCCG also helps schools and community groups to establish and sustain gardens and orchards. To learn more about all that we offer, see page 2.

Come Grow With Us!

KCCG is located in Swope Park at 6917 Kensington
Kansas City, MO 64132

Our office is open:
Monday: 10am - 5pm
Tuesday -Friday: 9 am - 5 pm

Extended Garden Hours:
Open Tuesdays until 6:30pm
(March 26 - May 21)

Saturdays from 9am to 12pm
(March 23 - May 4)

Contact us at 816.931.3877 or contact@kccg.org