

**Plant Select**<sup>®</sup>  
Smart plants for the right places



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*If you're new to our newsletter, cheers! For 27 years, our non-profit has tested and selected plants that thrive in the high plains and intermountain regions, so you can create waterwise landscapes that are beautiful, low maintenance and have a positive environmental impact—no matter what your skill level.*



Plant Select Demonstration Garden in the late spring  
[Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms](#)

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**Plant Select's goal is to create smart plant choices for a new American landscape inspired by the Rocky Mountain region**

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**A warm welcome to our newest Plant Select members!**

- [Hillside Gardens](#) – Colorado Springs, Colo. – Retail Garden Center
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**And thanks to all who've renewed their memberships!**

[Learn how to become a Plant Select member: Landscape Professional, Retail, Wholesale, Mail Order, Local Government or Individual Ambassador](#)

## In the garden with Grace Spring cleanup



Soon it will be time to start thinking about getting your garden ready for summer!

Watch as Horticulturist **Grace Johnson of Denver Botanic Gardens Chatfield Farms** shares her spring cleanup process in their Plant Select Demonstration Garden. Grace discusses tools she likes to use (to make cleanup easier) and the steps she takes.

[Watch Grace's video](#)

## When's the ideal time to clean up a garden?

And should you cut Plant Select plants all the way to the ground or leave some old growth standing? Grace tackles these questions (and more) in the Q&A below.



[Spring garden cleanup Q&A](#)

## Plants aren't greening up yet?

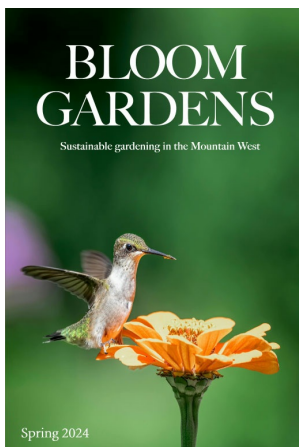
**Some plants emerge from dormancy later than others**

With new growth all around us, it's easy to forget that plants have different timelines! If your plants aren't leafing out yet, they may be waiting for warmer temps. Here are examples of grasses, shrubs and perennials that typically green up later in the spring:

- Warm season turf grasses like [DOG TUFF™](#)
- Warm season ornamental grasses like [Blonde Ambition blue grama](#) and [Standing Ovation little bluestem](#)
- [Dwarf leadplant](#) (*Amorpha nana*)

- Western salvias like [Wild Thing and Furman's Red sage](#) and [VERMILION BLUFFS® Mexican sage](#)

Give these plants more time to emerge.



## Attract hummingbirds with beautiful western plants

Hummingbirds will be arriving soon! (Yay!) In the spring issue of *Bloom Gardens* magazine, we explore three genera of waterwise native perennials that are ideal for attracting hummingbirds to your garden.

[Read the article on page 6 >](#)

## Upcoming plant sales

Find popular and rare treasures from Plant Select

Spring plant sales at local botanic gardens can be WONDERFUL places to find Plant Select plants, including many of our [new releases](#). The events below include times that are open to the public. **Please note:** Registration may be required.

DENVER BOTANIC  
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### Denver, Colorado

Denver Botanic Gardens: Spring Plant Sale

Friday, May 10–Saturday May 11

[Get event details here](#)



### Salt Lake City, Utah

Red Butte Garden: Spring Plant Sale

Friday, May 10–Saturday, May 11

[Get event details here](#)



### Boise, Idaho

Idaho Botanical Garden: Spring Plant Sale

Friday, May 10–Saturday, May 11

Enjoy food trucks and live music too!

[Get event details here](#)





**THE GARDENS**  
ON SPRING CREEK

## Fort Collins, Colorado

The Gardens on Spring Creek: Spring Plant Sale

Saturday, May 18–Sunday, May 19

[Get event details here](#)

*Public gardens: If you're interested in becoming a Plant Select licensed propagator, please reach out to Ross Shrigley at [director@plantselect.org](mailto:director@plantselect.org).*

## Our garden center event is back Save the date: May 25, 2024

Hope to see you at our annual **Plant Select Morning** at local garden centers! Come by, explore Plant Select plants and chat with master gardeners about waterwise gardening.

**Date:** Saturday, May 25, 2024

**When:** 9 am to noon

**Where:** [Participating garden centers](#)

**Who:** All are welcome

*Master gardeners: Check your VMS soon to sign up for volunteer spots.*



**Photo:** Colorado Master Gardeners at Echter's Nursery and Garden Center

## Plant Select Annual Conference Less than 100 tickets left

Join fellow plant lovers at the [Plant Select Annual Conference](#) on **Thursday, June 13** at Denver Botanic Gardens!

Enjoy presentations like:

- **Gardening in a Warmer World: Planning Now for Your Garden's Future** – David McKinney of Iowa Arboretum and Gardens
- **Shrouded in Light: Naturalistic Planting Inspired by Wild Shrublands** – Kevin Philip Williams and Michael Guidi of Denver Botanic Gardens
- **Creating Inspiring Designs With Plant Select Plants** – Sara A. Meier of Green Thumb SAM of Boise, Idaho
- **Lessons Learned from a Waterwise Landscape** – Mike Lorenc of Utah's Conservation Garden Park

[Learn about our speakers and their talks >](#)





## Save through April 30

Special rate ends April 30: \$70 | Regular price: \$85  
(until tickets are sold out)

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## Smart plants for the right places Waterwise gems with silver and steel-blue leaves



SARADA'S™ Greek  
mountain tea



Tushar bluemat  
penstemon (Utah)



EVERSILVER™ creeping  
germander

native)

**Botanical names:**

*Sideritis syriaca* 'P023S' | *Penstemon xylus* | *Teucrium* 'Harlequin's Silver'

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