

Welcome!

Thank you for your interest in PMG's Spring Plant Sale. Proceeds support our local gardening education and community programs.



Frequently Asked Questions

When is this year's sale?

The sale will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 2, 2026.

Should I arrive early?

If you are looking for a particular type of plant, arriving early will ensure the best selection. However, please be aware there is generally a long queue prior to opening. While the check-out process it quite busy between 10:30 and 11:30, the payment line usually begins to ease before noon.

Where is the sale located?

Albemarle Square Shopping Center, 600 Albemarle Square, Charlottesville. Parking is available in front of our sale space.

What will be for sale?

Our largest focus is on native plants, including some shrubs. We will again offer thousands of annuals, perennials, herbs and vegetables, including some trees and an assortment of houseplants. In addition, shoppers can purchase gently used garden implements, yard décor, and other "Green Elephants" at our garden-themed thrift store. Locally produced compost—Panorama Paydirt—will also be available.

What forms of payment are accepted?

Cash and credit cards

What if it rains that day?

The sale will be held rain or shine.

Will you provide guidance on which plants are best for my landscape?

Yes. Trained Master Gardeners will be on hand to help you with your plant selections and will staff a Help Desk for addressing plant questions. Display booths and information tables will provide research-based educational resources on a variety of topics, such as conservation landscaping, soil health, composting, pest management and controlling invasive plants.

Can I get help carrying purchases to my car?

We provide flat boxes (while supplies last) for carrying plants. Customers frequently bring small wagons or carts, which can be helpful for larger purchases.

Do you accept 'green elephant' donations to offer at the sale?

Yes. Through April 29, you may drop off your green elephant donations at 402 Albemarle Square between 10 a.m. and noon on Wednesdays or Saturdays. We will accept tools, hoses, tomato cages, trellises, yard decor, outdoor furniture, and just about anything else that can be used to create, maintain or enjoy the garden. However, we cannot take plastic pots or opened chemicals. Our team can help you unload your green elephants or can come to you to pick them up if they are too large to manage. To arrange a pickup, contact us at greenelephant@piedmontmastergardeners.org.

How are the sale proceeds used?

The Spring Plant Sale is the primary source of funding for the Piedmont Master Gardeners and our work in the community, including support for schoolyard gardens, partnerships with community gardens to address food insecurity, native plant and pollinator demonstration gardens, free and low-cost classes and lectures, a monthly online newsletter, onsite advice on healthy lawns and landscapes, and gardening opportunities for people with special needs.

Whom do I contact with other questions?

For information on the Plant Sale, reach out to us at plantsale@piedmontmastergardeners.org. For information on our Green Elephant Sale, contact us at greenelephant@piedmontmastergardeners.org.