

Start Planting!

Local Nurseries (by ZipCode)

Garden Gate
2918 Metairie Rd., Metairie, LA 70001
(504) 833-6699

Old Metairie Plant Station
400 Airline Highway, Metairie, LA 70001
(504) 219-0001

Laughing Buddha Nursery
4516 Clearview Pkwy., Metairie, LA 70002
(504) 887-4336

Perino's Garden Center, Inc
3100 Veterans Blvd, Metairie, LA 70002
(504) 834-7888

Charvet's Garden Center
4511 Clearview Pkwy, Metairie, LA 70006
(504) 888-7700

Green Parrot Nursery
4920 Tchoupitoulas, NOLA, 70115
(504) 894-1100

Weber Garden Center
5007 Freret Street, NOLA 70115
(504) 895-3022
(Open Monday-Friday 9 to 1)

American Aquatic Gardens
621 Elysian Fields Ave., NOLA 70117
(504) 944-0410

The Plant Gallery
9401 Airline Drive, NOLA 70118
(504) 488-8887

Jefferson Feed Garden Center
4421 Jefferson Hwy, Jefferson, LA 70121
(504) 733-8572

Double M Feed Garden Supply
8400 Jefferson Hwy, River Ridge, LA 70123
(504) 738-5007

New Orleans Botanical Garden Nursery
City Park, NOLA 70124
(504) 482-4888
(Last Saturday of Month 10 to 4:30)

Double M Feed Garden Supply
543 Holmes Blvd, Gretna, LA 70056
(504) 361-4405

Go native

Consider using native plants in your garden. Native plants are those that occur naturally or have existed for many years in an area. These can be trees, flowers, grasses or any other plants.

The advantages to using native plants include:

- Native plants are acclimated to climate and conditions and require minimal care.
- Native plants do not require commercial fertilizer or pesticides.
- Native plants provide food for wildlife and attract birds, butterflies and other helpful insects.

More Info:

[Louisiana Native Plant Society](#)

[Folsom Native Plant Society's List of LA Native Plants](#)

[LSU AgCenter's List of Non-Native & Invasive Plants](#)

Month-by-Month Gardening in Louisiana

by Dan Gill

The New Orleans Garden: Gardening in the Gulf South

by Charlotte Seidenberg

Jacques-Felix Lelievre's New Louisiana Gardener

by Jacques-Felix Lelievre

Heirloom Plants & Seed Saving

An heirloom plant or heritage variety is an open-pollinated cultivar that was commonly grown during earlier periods in human history, but which is not used in modern large-scale agriculture. Since most popular heirloom plants are vegetables, the term heirloom vegetable is often used instead. The trend of growing heirloom plants in gardens has been growing in popularity in the United States and Europe over the last decade.

Before the industrialization of agriculture, a much wider variety of plant foods was grown for human consumption. In modern agriculture in the industrialized world, most food crops are now grown in large, monocultural plots. In order to maximize consistency, few varieties of each type of crop are grown. These varieties are often selected for their productivity, their ability to withstand mechanical picking and cross-country shipping, and their tolerance to drought, frost, or pesticides. Nutrition, flavor, and variety are frequently secondary concerns, if a concern at all.[wikipedia](#)

One way to increase heirloom seeds is via seed saving. In agriculture and gardening, seed saving is the practice of saving seeds from open-pollinated vegetables and flowers for use from year to year. This is the traditional way farms and gardens were maintained. Much of the grassroots seed-saving activity today is the work of amateur gardeners, organic farmers, and enthusiasts with environmentalist interests. Open pollination is the key to seed saving. Plants that reproduce through natural means tend to adapt to local conditions, and evolve as reliable performers, particularly in their localities.[wikipedia](#)

More Info:

chioggia beet

red burgundy okra

green zebra tomato

seedsavers.org pics & seeds

Seed Savers Exchange

Seed Savers Exchange is a nonprofit organization that saves and shares the heirloom seeds of our garden heritage.

The Southern Bulb Company

Southern Bulbs specializes in growing and supplying rare bulbs and other "tried and true" species of bulbs for warm climates.

Southern Seed Legacy

The Southern Seed Legacy maintains a collection of over 460 named varieties of southern heirloom seeds.

Louisiana Vegetable Planting Guide

Use this handy guide from the LSU Ag Center to make your seed selections and to guarantee growing success.

Seed to Seed: Seed Saving and Growing Techniques for Vegetable Gardeners

This book by Suzanne Ashworth and Kent Whealy is a complete seed-saving guide that describes specific techniques for saving the seeds of 160 different vegetables.