



Wilson's Nursery



Spring has Sprung! -and we are shipping daily!

Things are really moving around here these days. There are so many projects and tasks that fill the spring startup for our team here at Wilson's. From uncovering plants and planting new ones, to cleaning up machines and everything in between! We are very proud of what our crew is able to accomplish in such a short amount of time. All the while with this early spring, preparing and sending out orders!

Everything is uncovered and ready to go! Trees and evergreens are being harvested daily, the shrub lot is completely uncovered,

and our truck drivers are looking forward to bringing you your plants. Send your plant lists over and we will get your orders pulled and ready for pickup, or landed directly to your jobsite.

Please reach out with any special requests or otherwise. We would love to know what we can do to better serve you (do you need a weekly shop-drop of plants, a certain delivery vehicle for this job...?). We are your partner in making this a successful 2024 season!

2024 Ordering:

- **Order Placement:** The best way to get your orders or availability inquiries in front of us is to send them to orders@wilsonsnurseryinc.com. Our incredibly talented and friendly customer service representatives will respond to you with confirmation and any substitutions right away.
 - **4 Business Hour Turnaround Time:** Please allow 4 business hours from the time your order has been *confirmed* before arriving for pickup of your plants. Our fulfillment team is good, and very efficient, but they need time to select the best material for you, and time for it to be re-counted and reviewed.
 - **Tree Tagging Appointments:** Whether it be for B&B trees, container trees, or field material, please call our office to make sure somebody will be readily available for your arrival. Your time and the quality of service you receive are both very important to us.
 - **Pull your own order:** A number of you love to come out, know where everything is, and enjoy pulling and/or tagging your own orders. We look forward to seeing you again this season!**Check in with the front desk before doing so this year as some things have changed in the ways of tree tag and selection of greenhouse grown material.**
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Andy admiring the jaw-droppingly beautiful perennials being prepared for shipment in 2023.

Wilson's Bud & Bloom Program:

New this year, we will be offering on-demand ordering (from our weekly Bud & Bloom list) for our independent retail garden center customers! At the beginning of every week we will be sending out an email identifying all of the plants that would look great for your big weekend sales.

Please call Matt for details: 612-990-4073



Autumn displaying our new sticker tag that will be utilized for all garden center orders! Order forms and Bud & Bloom will begin soon!

Thank you, Autumn for helping us get this all setup!





These guys are unloading a full truck of bare root trees that will be placed into containers or our fields in the coming weeks.



Tom has been hard at work clearing space by our shrub lot for a new holding area for planned future orders. We are looking forward to this addition!



Connie's Corner

Reflections on Spring Showers by Connie Kratzke

Here I sit, watching the Seinfeld where George saves a whale from Kramer's golf ball while pretending to be a marine biologist. I should be at work on this cloudy, spring day; but some kind of bug has wiped me out. After an extended weekend of abundant rest, I'm hoping my energy will return tomorrow. My original mission was to poke around the yard on my days off and I didn't get that done. While windy and wet, it was the perfect catalyst for growth. Luckily, next weekend is looking lovelier than the last.

The first blooms of spring are delightful to my eyes. Crocuses are still brightening up our surroundings and more spring bulbs are right behind them. After a peek out the window to confirm my theory, I can say that my Pulmonarias are loaded with buds. Vincas and Epimediums should be chiming in anytime now. Anemones and Aquilegias, Brunneras and Bergenias will all participate in the matinee. I enjoy the first two in my gardens and the latter two at work. Bleeding Hearts, Peonies, Forsythias and Lilacs will visit like beloved relatives; delivering cheer. Pastel carpets of low-growing Phlox will meander through neighborhoods near you. May Apples and Lady Slippers are favorites in my collection, whose appearance really seals the spring deal for me. It won't be too long now. The landscape is waking up!

Some spring bloomers are ephemeral, leaving obvious voids during their summer siestas. Others just lose their sheen after they bloom, like Aquilegias. Leaf Miners do their thing and so it goes. Good ol' Hostas make excellent companions for these plants. So do compact Eupatoriums and other late risers. "To everything there is a season." Early Irises mix well with reblooming Daylilies for extended displays in narrow borders. Iberises, Dianthus, Nepetas and Alliums can be combined for continuous flowering from last frost until the first, crisp night.

Mixing early bloomers into designs is good for mental health. While their seasons are short, gardens can be their timeshares. Our growing season is short, so why not embrace all of it? As fulfillment manager, I see lots of summer staples go out the door and fewer spring icons. As the person who orders perennial stock, I feel the need to promote the Robins of the bunch. They may be more challenging to incorporate, but they are supplements of joy when we need them most. Vitamin D can't do what they do. I can't wait to get back to the colorful greenhouses tomorrow and see what's changed during the three days I've been away.



Ahead of schedule this year, Connie and her potting team have filled the greenhouses! Our

Greenhouse grown material should be ready to go after May 15th.

MN Department of Agriculture Nursery Stock Dealer Certificate updates:

<https://www.mda.state.mn.us/plants-insects/nursery-certification-plant-regulation>

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