Native Plants Guide

Sources of Information about Native Plants

- Nuts for Natives – Lists of retail vendors, landscapers, plant alternatives and other information for the Chesapeake region
- University of Maryland Extension – information on native plants for home and garden
- Virginia DCR Native Plants – Information on Virginia native plants including a Native Plant Finder to help find the right native plant for certain conditions

Places to Buy Native Plants

Permanent Vendors
- Chesapeake Natives, Inc. – A non-profit organization with weekly sales of native plants in Upper Marlboro, MD
- Plant NOVA Natives list of Native-Only Vendors

Periodic Sales – Some of these sales were already held this year, but they will be held again in the future.
- Friends of the National Arboretum Garden Fair and Plant Sale (April 30)
- Howard County Native Plant Palooza (May 1)
- Maryland Native Plant Society list of native plant sales (includes sales in Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia)
- Montgomery Parks – Native Plant Sale at Locust Grove Nature Center (May 7 & 8)
- Northern Alexandria Native Plant Sale (next is April 30)
- Plant NOVA Natives list of periodic plant sales
- Tree Fredericksburg – non-profit with a spring tree giveaway and a fall tree and shrub sale
- Virginia Native Plant Society – list of native plant sales

Local Government Native Plant Programs

District of Columbia
- DC RiverSmart program – provides a variety of incentives "to help District property owners install green infrastructure such as rain barrels, green roofs, rain gardens, permeable pavers, shade trees, and more."

Maryland
- College Park Trees programs – Free Tree Giveaway (registration for 2022 is closed), Tree Canopy Enhancement Program (up to $150 rebate for trees planted on residential property) and free street tree plantings. College Park also has an Insects, Pollinators, & Mosquitoes Guide that has resources for plants that attract native pollinators
- Tree Frederick – Program provides 50% of the cost of containerized trees in early spring
- Gaithersburg Conservation Landscaping Program – provides rebates for replacing turf, impervious surfaces, and invasive species with conservation landscaping
- Howard County Native Tree Giveaway (registration last year began on August 30; no date is given for this year but contact information is listed)
- Maryland's Marylanders Plant Trees program - $20 coupon for the purchase of trees on an approved list
- Montgomery County's Tree Montgomery program – provides free shade trees to residents
- Montgomery County Native Tree Discount - $40 discount at participating nurseries for native trees (can be combined with Maryland's Marylanders Plant Trees coupon) -
- Prince George's County Plant Trees (with programs for tree planting at schools, grant funding for community organizations, and rebates for trees planted on residential or commercial property)

- [Rockville Fall Tree Giveaway](#) – Last year's was in October, pre-registration is required, no date set yet for this year

Virginia
- Arlington County [annual distribution](#) of free native trees
- Fairfax County [Native Seedling Sale](#) (sold out for this year; you can get e-mail notifications for next year's sale)
- Falls Church [Neighborhood Tree Program](#) – residents can request free street trees

Native Plant Societies

- [Montgomery County Chapter](#) of the Maryland Native Plant Society
- [Prince George's/Anne Arundel Chapter](#) of the Maryland Native Plant Society
- [Virginia Native Plant Society](#)
- [Washington, D.C. Chapter](#) of the Maryland Native Plant Society