

Garden Shopping Guide

Local and Online Resource for Seeds, Plants, Soil & Supplies

Curated for gardeners in Northeast Tennessee, Southwest Virginia & Western North Carolina

Where to Shop for Garden Success

As a Tri-Cities-based gardener turned consultant, I've spent years tracking down the best sources for quality seeds, healthy plants, and reliable soil amendments. This guide shares my favorite local shops, nurseries, and online retailers so you can skip the guesswork and get growing.

Pro Tip: Shop local first! Local nurseries carry plants already adapted to our climate, and the staff understands our unique growing conditions.

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Local Garden Centers & Nurseries

These are my go-to spots for vegetable starts, herbs, perennials, and garden supplies. The staff at independent nurseries are usually gardeners themselves and can offer invaluable advice.

Tri-Cities Johnson City, Kingsport, Bristol)

Business	Location & Contact	What They Offer
Evergreen of Johnson City	511 Princeton Rd Johnson City, TN 37601 (423) 282-3431 evergreenofjc.com	Full-service garden center. Trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals, vegetable starts, soil amendments, garden decor.
Evergreen of Colonial Heights	1876 Moreland Dr Kingsport, TN 37663 (423) 245-4769 egardenplace.com	East Tennessee's oldest garden center (since 1966). Huge selection of plants, bulk soil/compost, landscaping supplies.
Sibley Farms	410 Shadowntown Rd Blountville, TN 37617 (423) 574-1824 sibleyfarms.com	Family-owned plant nursery. Annuals, perennials, vegetable starts, herbs, trees, shrubs. Voted Tri-Cities Best Plant Store.
Shy Valley Farm	315 Ridge Rd Fall Branch, TN 37656 (423) 348-6570 shyvalleyfarm.com	Native plant nursery specializing in wildlife-friendly, low-maintenance plants. Heirloom vegetables, herbs. Call ahead—open select Saturdays.
Mize Farm & Garden	251 Old Gray Station Rd Gray, TN 37615 (423) 434-1810	Farm and garden supply since 1974. Seeds, fertilizer, soil amendments, animal feed, garden tools. Also has wholesale division.

Johnson County (Mountain City)

Business	Location & Contact	What They Offer
Garden Barn	1939 S. Shady St Mountain City, TN 37683 (423) 727-0144	Family-owned since 1987. Greenhouses with locally-grown annuals, vegetable plants, herbs. Feed and farm supplies, soil amendments.

Asheville & Western NC

Business	Location & Contact	What They Offer
Reems Creek Nursery	76 Monticello Rd Weaverville, NC 28787 (828) 645-3937 reemscreek.com	Award-winning nursery (voted #1 in WNC 9 years). Massive selection—trees, shrubs, perennials, vegetable starts, organic supplies, native plants.
Sow True Seed	243 Haywood St Asheville, NC 28801 (828) 254-0708 sowtrueseed.com	Seed shop specializing in non-GMO, open-pollinated, heirloom seeds. 500+ varieties. Order online or visit their downtown Asheville store.

Knoxville Area

Business	Location & Contact	What They Offer
Stanley's Greenhouse	3029 Davenport Rd Knoxville, TN 37920 stanleysgreenhouse.com	Family-owned for 200+ years on the same farm. Indoor/outdoor plants, native plants, pollinator-friendly selections. 5 min from downtown.
Thress Nursery Gardens	7343 Old Clinton Pike Kingsport, TN 37921 thressnursery.com	In business since 1955. High-quality trees, shrubs, perennials, houseplants. Gift shop and landscape services.

Bulk Soil & Compost

Good soil is the foundation of a successful garden. Bulk compost is more economical and often higher quality than bagged products. Here's where to find it around here.

Pro Tip: Mushroom compost is one of the best soil amendments for vegetable gardens. It's nutrient-rich, improves soil structure, and supports beneficial microorganisms.

Business	Location	Products & Notes
Down to Earth Materials	6139 Kingsport Hwy Johnson City, TN 37615 (423) 467-8099 downtoearthmaterial.com	Grower's Mix (mushroom compost blend)—great for gardens. Only local source for bulk mushroom compost in the Tri-Cities. Note: I recommend their Grower's Mix only, not their topsoil.
Hoffman Composting	303 Woodlyn Rd Johnson City, TN 37601 (423) 943-0712 hoffmancomposting.com	Food compost and homemade topsoil. State-permitted Tier II facility. Also offers residential food scrap pickup service. Local, sustainable, top quality.
Superior Mulch	918 Buttermilk Rd Blountville, TN 37617 (423) 323-4131 superiormulch.net	"Moo Poo"—their signature composted manure blend (livestock manure, leaf waste, wood waste). Lab-tested for quality. Also sells topsoil and premium topsoil blend (50% topsoil + 50% leaf compost).
Highland Landscape Supplies	3551 US Highway 321 S Blowing Rock, NC 28605 (828) 264-4210 highlandlandscapesupplies.net/	Excellent source of mushroom compost in the High Country. Also carries mulch, topsoil, sand, gravel, and landscape materials. 34+ years in business.
Asheville Mulch Yard	3 locations near Asheville ashevillmulchyard.com	Mushroom compost available in bulk. Worth the drive if you're gardening at scale or visiting the Asheville area.
Lowe's / Home Depot	Multiple locations	Worm castings (excellent amendment). Lowe's sometimes carries bagged mushroom compost—check availability. Bulk is better value, but bags work for small gardens.

Farmers Markets

Farmers markets often have vendors selling vegetable starts, herb plants, and heirloom varieties you won't find elsewhere. Plus, you're supporting local growers who understand our climate.

Market	Location	Schedule (2025)
Johnson City Farmers Market	Founders Park Pavilion, 105 W. Main St, Johnson City	Saturdays 8am-1pm, May-October
Kingsport Farmers Market	308 Clinchfield St, Kingsport (downtown pavilion)	Saturdays 7am-1pm, late April-Nov Wednesdays 7am-1pm, May-Sep
State Street Farmers Market	810 State St, Bristol, TN/VA	Saturdays 8am-12pm, May-October
Jonesborough Farmers Market	100 E. Main St, Jonesborough (behind courthouse)	Saturdays 8am-12pm, May-October
Johnson County Farmers Market	Summer Market: Ralph Stout Park Winter Market: 716 S. Shady St (Welcome Center), Mountain City	Saturdays 9am-12pm, May-October
Erwin Farmers Market	130 N. Main Ave, Erwin	Fridays 5-8pm, July-September
Boone Street Market	101 Boone St, Jonesborough	Year-round! Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 9am-5pm
Watauga County Farmer's Market	591 Horn in the West Drive in Boone	April – November: Saturday 9am-12pm

Online Seed Companies

These are seed companies* I trust for high-quality, non-GMO, open-pollinated seeds. Many specialize in heirloom varieties well-suited to our region.

Company	Website	Notes
Sow True Seed	sowtrueseed.com	Asheville-based! 500+ varieties. Open-pollinated, non-GMO, untreated. Store pickup available.
Johnny's Selected Seeds	johnnyseeds.com	Professional-quality seeds and tools. Excellent growing guides. Great for market gardeners.
High Mowing Seeds	highmowingseeds.com	100% organic seeds. Employee-owned. Great selection of cold-hardy varieties.
Territorial Seed Co.	territorialseed.com	Based in Oregon. Excellent for cool-season crops and short-season varieties.
SeedsNow	seedsnow.com	Non-GMO, open-pollinated. Affordable seed packets. Good beginner selection.
Botanical Interests	botanicalinterests.com	Beautiful, informative seed packets. Many organic options. Also available at local retailers.
Gardenary	gardenary.com	Seeds and supplies. Great educational content for kitchen gardeners.
Etsy	etsy.com	Great source for rare/exotic seeds, heirloom varieties, and plant starts from small growers.

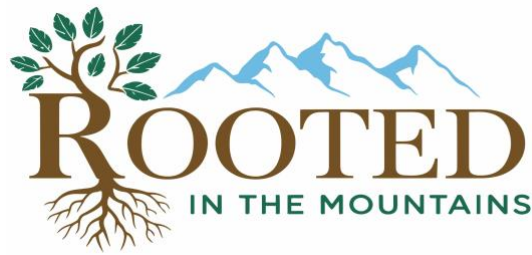
You can also find clean seeds locally at the following locations (availability varies):

- Evergreen of Johnson City/Kingsport
- Earth Fare in Johnson City, Asheville, and Boone
- Reems Creek Nursery in Weaverville
- Sibley Farms in Blountville

Let's Grow Together

I garden in a specific part of the Tri-Cities. If you're aware of resources I've left out, I'd love to hear from you! I'll update this and other resources for the benefit of everyone who views Rooted in the Mountains guides and resources.

Gardening in our part of the world is both a challenge and a joy. We deal with unpredictable weather, persistent pests, and clay soil. But we also get to experience the magic of growing food in one of the most beautiful places on earth. Every garden is different, and every season teaches us something new. For more tips and tricks, [visit our blog](#) and [follow us on Instagram](#). Happy gardening!



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Garden Supplies & Tools

Row Covers, Hardware & Season Extension

Source	Website	Best For
Gardener's Supply	gardeners.com	Row cover fabric, hoops, clips, earth staples. Quality garden tools. Excellent customer service.
Johnny's Selected Seeds	johnnyseeds.com	Professional-grade tools, row cover systems, soil blockers, seedling supplies.

Garden Structures & Hardware

Source	Website / Location	Best For
Tractor Supply Co.	tractorsupply.com Multiple locations	Cattle panels—excellent for making garden arches and trellises! Also fencing, garden carts, and farm supplies.

Raised Beds

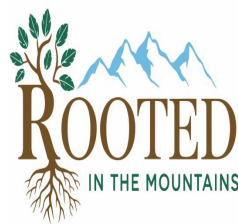
Source	Website / Location	Best For
Rooted in the Mountains	rootedinthemountains.com	Custom wood raised beds. Local craftsmanship. Limited availability—contact us to inquire.
Epic Gardening	epicgardening.com	High-quality metal raised beds. Durable, modern look. Ships direct.
Shoun Lumber	147 George Shoun Ln Butler, TN 37640 (423) 768-2013	Local sawmill, 4th generation family-owned. Affordable lumber for DIY beds. Eastern White Pine specialty.
Lowe's / Home Depot	Multiple locations	Lumber, concrete blocks, raised bed kits. Good for quick projects.
Facebook Marketplace	facebook.com/marketplace	Great for finding used/reclaimed materials, concrete blocks, lumber scraps. Check regularly!

A Note from Your Garden Guide

This list reflects my personal experience gardening in the Tri-Cities area. I'm always discovering new sources, so check back for updates! If you find a great local spot I've missed, I'd love to hear about it.

Remember: the best time to shop for garden supplies is before you need them. Order seeds in January, buy your raised bed materials in February, and stock up on row cover fabric in September. A little planning goes a long way toward a successful growing season.

Happy Growing!



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