

Pender County Gardening Guide: Retail Garden Centers/Nurseries and Wholesale Nurseries



Introduction

The Pender County Center of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service is pleased to provide this listing of nurseries, garden centers, and garden supply stores located in Pender and surrounding counties. We hope this list will help you locate plants and gardening supplies needed to care for your lawn, garden, and landscape.

This guide has been assembled by Pender County Extension Master Gardener Volunteers for informational purposes only. Inclusion of a business in this guide does not imply endorsement by the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service nor discrimination against businesses not listed.

Every effort has been made to include all businesses that offer plants and gardening supplies to the general public. If your garden center or nursery is not listed, please contact Pender County Cooperative Extension at 910.259.1235 to be included.



Master Gardener

Helping Gardeners Put Knowledge to Work

Gardening Advice

Extension horticulture agents and Extension Master Gardener Volunteers can provide advice and solutions for your lawn, landscape, and garden problems. Contact Pender Cooperative Extension to get answers to your gardening questions. Call us at 259-1235, visit our office at 801 S. Walker Street in Burgaw (Mon – Fri, 8 am – 5 pm), or post your questions to be answered online using our “**Ask an Expert**” widget available at <http://pender.ces.ncsu.edu> in the upper left corner.

Visit our trained Master Gardener Volunteers at their “**Ask a Master Gardener**” clinics, held the second Wednesday of each month (April – October) at the Poplar Grove Farmer’s Market in Hampstead, 9 am – 1 pm, as well as the third Monday (April – October) at the Pender County Public Library in Hampstead, 10:30 am – 1:00 pm.

To receive weekly emails about timely gardening topics and upcoming events, sign up for either or both of our **gardening email news lists**:

- **Pender Gardener**, for lawn and landscape information. To sign up, send an email to mj2@lists.ncsu.edu. Leave the subject line blank. In the body of the message put: **subscribe pendergardener**
- **Food Gardener**, for vegetable, herb, and fruit information. To sign up, send an email to mj2@lists.ncsu.edu. Leave the subject line blank. In the body of the message put: **subscribe foodgardener**

Find postings of recent gardening articles and announcements on the **Pender Gardener Blog**, <http://pendergardener.blogspot.com/>.

Visit our website or call to find out about upcoming gardening classes or how to become a **Master Gardener Volunteer**. Pender County Cooperative Extension holds Master Gardener training year beginning in mid-August, with classes meeting twice weekly over a 10 week period, at locations alternating between Burgaw and Hampstead. Call 259-1235 to find out more!

Pender County Cooperative Extension

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910-259-1235

Pender County

<u>Garden Center</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Ace Hardware	15597 US Highway 17 N Hampstead	270-3237	
Ash's Japanese Maples	421 Rowan Road Hampstead	270-4723	Japanese maples specializing in Bonsai cut leaf style. By Appointment.
Bannerman's Vineyard & Nursery	2624 Stag Park Road Burgaw	259-5474	Only deals in Muscadine vines. By appointment.
Growing Wild Nursery	193 Murphy Road Burgaw	200-2112	Specializing in nursery propagated native plants of the Atlantic coastal plain. Every Saturday at the Wilmington Farmers Market and by appointment.
Jackie's Nursery	542 Shiloah Road Watha	285-7920	Landscaping. By Appointment.
Johnson Nursery Corp.	985 Johnson Nursery Road Willard	800-624-8174 285-7861	Limited retail sales; call for details. Grower of flowering annuals, perennials, and woody shrubs. Only open to public limited Saturday mornings or by appointment.
Lowe's	106 Wilkes Lane Surf City	329.6952	
Pender Pines Garden Center	20949 US Highway 17 N Hampstead	270-2706	Perennials, annuals, herbs, trees, shrubs, and tropical plants, Statuary, pots, and chemicals. Arboretum in the back of property. Soil sample drop off center.

Quality Turf, Inc.	1540 Pinkney Road Burgaw	259-3064	Provides top quality turf grass for athletic fields, golf courses, large commercial projects, and residential lawns.
Rooks Farm Services Garden	1501 NC Hwy 53 Burgaw	259-3302	Everything needed to beautify a home, lawn, and garden, craft shop, hardware, general garden supplies, plants.

New Hanover County

<u>Garden Center</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Carolina Girl Flowers	1726 Market Street Wilmington	500-8941	Discount with Master Gardener badge
Farmers Supply Company	2025 Oleander Drive Wilmington	763-4664	Complete garden center. (10% discount with Master Gardener Badge)
Five Oaks Nursery	2120 Old Winter Park Road Wilmington	762-8637	Trees, shrubs, roses, annuals, and perennials.
The Home Depot	210 Eastwood Road Wilmington	790-3770	
Lewis Strawberry Nursery, Inc.	6509 Gordon Road Wilmington	452-9659	Strawberries, blueberries, blackberries, peppers, bedding plants, hanging baskets, and perennials.
Lou's Flower World	5128 Oleander Drive Wilmington	395-1004	Garden center, greenhouse, florist.
Lowe's	191 Porters Neck Road Wilmington	319-5000	

Lowe's	354 South College Road Wilmington	395-8433	
Lloyd's Nursery and Landscape	106 Oak Ridge Lane Wilmington	686-4984	Trees, shrubs, tropicals, some perennials. (10% Discount with Master Gardener Badge)
McGee's Greenhouse	3300 Castle Hayne Road Castle Hayne	675-2780	Annuals and perennials; daylilies; hanging baskets.
New River Pottery	5744 Market Street Wilmington	791-7522	
The Plant Place	6114 Market Street Wilmington	791-9594	Annuals and perennials.
The Ponderosa Nursery	216 Brookdale Drive Castle Hayne	675-2489	
Progressive Gardens	6005 Oleander Drive Wilmington	395-1156	
Robert's Nursery	2606 Oakley Road Castle Hayne	762-8982	
Seaside Mulch	201 N. Greenmeadows Drive Wilmington	791-2100	Mulches and compost. www.seasidemulch.com
Stone Garden	6955 Market Street Wilmington	452-1619	Featuring natural and cultured stone as well as fountains, ponds, mulch, and garden ornaments. www.stonegarden-nc.com

Tinga Nursery	2918 Castle Hayne Road Castle Hayne	762-1975	Retail and wholesale.
The Transplanted Garden	502 S. 16th Street Wilmington	763-7448	Unique plants, pots, and gifts.
Zone 8 Gardens	3802 S. College Road Wilmington	792-1118	

Duplin County

Duplin Nursery Inc.	278 Bay Road Rose Hill	289-2233	Trees, shrubs, roses, potted plants, bedding plants, perennials, daylilies, etc.
Creekside Nursery	4777 NC Hwy 41 South Wallace	285-8282	Annuals, bedding plants, container gardens, ferns, hanging baskets, mums, pansies, perennials, poinsettias, roses, shrubs, woody shrubs.
Parker Bark	3295 US Hwy 117 Rose Hill	289-3672	Mulches, nursery mixes, and compost. Not open on Saturdays.
Darden Blueberry Nursery	106 Yellow Cut Road Rose Hill	289-5026	Daylilies and hostas.

Brunswick County:

For Brunswick County businesses and locations, please visit: <http://brunswick.ces.ncsu.edu/files/library/10/Green%20Pages%202011.pdf>

Farmers' Markets

River Front Farmer's Market	Water Street Wilmington	341-7855	Saturdays. Call for further information.
Poplar Grove Farmers' Market	10200 US Hwy 17 Wilmington	686-9518 x 29	Wednesdays, 8 AM to 1:00 PM, April thru December. Features local products (subject to availability).

Wholesale Nurseries

Tinga Nursery	2918 Castle Hayne Road Castle Hayne	762-1975	Primarily shrubs, trees, and perennials. Wholesale and retail.
Robbins Nursery, Inc.	200 Raccoon Rd Willard	285-2702	Trees and large shrubs.
North American Nursery	PO Box 160, Andalusian Trail Burgaw	259-8807	Primarily wholesale.
Johnson Nursery Corp.	985 Johnson Nursery Road Willard	800-624- 8174 285-7861	Wholesale grower of flowering annuals, perennials, and woody shrubs. Saturday retail sales.

Soil Testing

What Soil Testing Can Tell You

Soil testing can help you save money in your lawn, garden and landscape and grow healthier plants by telling you which nutrients are already in your soil and which ones you need to add with either natural or synthetic fertilizers. One of the most important things a soil test measures is your soil's pH, or how acidic or basic your soil is. Soils in our area vary anywhere from 3.5 (very acidic) to 8.0 (basic) or higher. Most plants prefer to grow in soils with a pH of 5.5 to 6.5, though there are some notable exceptions like blueberries, which require a soil pH around 4.5.

Soil pH affects your plants' ability to absorb nutrients. If your pH is too high or too low, your plants will not be able to take up certain nutrients, even if they are plentiful in the soil. This results in nutrient deficiency symptoms like yellow leaves or stunted growth. Having your soil pH in the correct range for the plants you are growing will also help reduce disease problems and produce naturally stronger, healthier, more productive plants. The recommendations you receive from your soil test will tell you what your pH is and if you need to add lime to raise pH (if your soil is too acidic), and how much. Many people apply lime unnecessarily, which wastes money because the lime isn't needed and also can raise your soil pH too high, resulting in poor plant growth.

Soil test results also tell you which nutrients you need to apply for the type of plants you are growing. Recommendations are included for common nutrients like nitrogen, phosphorous and potash, as well as for micronutrients like magnesium, sulfur, boron and others. Applying the correct amount of fertilizer results in healthier plants and helps prevent water pollution, since over application can damage plants and leach into groundwater.

How to Test Your Soil

Soil testing can be done any time of the year and boxes and forms are available from your local Cooperative Extension Office. To have your soil tested, collect samples from different areas of your yard. You will need to collect three to five random samples from each area in your yard where you are growing something different, for example, 3 to 5 samples from your lawn, 3 to 5 samples from your vegetable garden, etc. Samples can be collected with a stainless steel trowel and need to be taken around 6" deep. For each sample you are going to submit (example – lawn, garden, flower bed), aim to collect a total of about a cup and a half of soil when the 3 to 5 random samples are mixed together. If there are areas in your yard where plants are not growing well be sure to sample them separately to find out if the problem is nutrient or pH related.

Once your samples are ready, drop them off at any Extension office to be shipped free to the soil testing lab in Raleigh. In Pender County soil samples can be dropped off at the Pender Extension Office in Burgaw or at Pender Pines Garden Center, located between Hampstead and Surf City, on Hwy 17. When complete, your results will be posted online at <http://www.ncagr.gov/agronomi/> (click on the link on the left hand side titled "Find Your Report"). If you do not have internet access, contact your local Extension office and provide the name the samples were submitted under to get your results.

Learn More!

If you have questions about soil testing, want soil testing supplies, or need help understanding your soil test results, contact your local Cooperative Extension office. In Pender County call 259-1235, Mon – Fri, 8 AM and 5 PM, or visit us online anytime at <http://pender.ces.ncsu.edu/index.php?page=askanexpert>, where you can post your questions to be answered by email using the “Ask an Expert” widget!

Also, check out these great online resources:

- **A Gardener's Guide to Soil Testing**, from NC Cooperative Extension: <http://www.cals.ncsu.edu/agcomm/publications/Ag-614.pdf>
- NC Department of Agriculture - **Soil Testing**: <http://www.ncagr.gov/agronomi/sthome.htm>



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