

THE BACKYARD GARDEN CO.'S FAVORITE LOCAL RESOURCES

As a gardener, I love to shop local and support small, neighborhood businesses. Here are a few of my favorites and what I love most about them. I hope this list helps you discover a new favorite of your own!



Favorite Nurseries

la serra gardens, Totowa

There's no place more magical to wander than la serra. Give yourself time to browse the incredible selection of indoor and outdoor plants, including the most beautiful, organic veggies and herbs grown by Peace Tree Farm. La serra also offers stunning containers, trellises and accents that truly make your garden special. You'll find lovely curated gifts for any occasion in the shop. And there's even a cafe with specialty drinks and homemade baked goods. (The coffee is perfection and the pignoli cookie is divine.)

Farms View Roadstand, Wayne

Located in Wayne, this delightful roadstand is part indoor farmer's market, part nursery. You can take care of your weekly food shopping (much of the produce is grown right there on the farm!) and shop beautiful seasonal flowers and veggie plants in the nursery area outside. There are even barnyard animals if you have littles.

Pleasantdale Nursery, Verona

This reliable nursery is a solid standby and usually has whatever I need. From veggies and herbs to beautiful seasonal plants, shrubs and flowers, they have a solid selection, very fair pricing and the owner is always welcoming and helpful.

Metropolitan Plant Exchange, Caldwell

This comprehensive garden center moved in 2025 from its longtime spot in West Orange to Caldwell. Metropolitan carries it all, from a diverse selection of veggies, flowers and shrubs, to quality bagged soils, amendments and seeds.

Country Mile Gardens, Morristown

One of my favorites in Morris County, it never disappoints. A vast selection of high quality veggies and flowers, plus premium bagged soils, amendments, fertilizers and seeds. I always stock up when I take a ride out to this place!



The Farm at Green Village, Chatham

This enormous, luxurious garden center is out in Morris County, but it's worth the drive for the incredible selection. They carry nearly every outdoor and indoor plant you can imagine, on 32-acres! Plus they have a great selection of decor, organic bagged soils, fertilizers and garden tools.

South Street Gardens, Morristown

This garden center is brand new in 2025 so it will be exciting to see what they have in store in Spring!

Additional spots to check out:

Hillcrest Farms, Verona • Centre Ridge Garden Center, Nutley • Orange Garden Center, Orange
Fairfield Farms, Fairfield

Farmer Friends & More

Montclair Community Farm, Montclair

This vibrant, urban agricultural initiative is part of the neighborhood in Montclair both in terms of its physical location and its everyday mission. MCF makes food accessible to all through education, community, and sustainability. Explore their adult and youth programs (including summer camp!), mobile markets throughout the area, volunteer opportunities and more. Plus their veggie plant sale in spring (early May) is beyond! You can even pre-order your gorgeous veggies, herbs & flowers.

City Green, Clifton

A little gem in the middle of Clifton, this farm and education center is all about community-focused and sustainable agriculture. At City Green you'll find classes, volunteer opportunities, a farmer's market, family events, a CSA and so much more. They also have a beautiful veggie & herb plant sale in early May that you can't miss!

The Montclair Farmer's Market, Montclair

There are still plenty of farmer friends braving the cold weather to share their bounties with us! Support these incredible, hard-working humans every Saturday morning, and be rewarded with local staples and indulgences including veggies, eggs, baked goods, pickles, coffee, breads, hummus, meat, seafood, cheese, honey and more. Located at the Walnut Train Station in Montclair.

Java's Compost, West Orange

Whether you want to start composting at home OR you just want to do your part for the planet, my dear friends at Java's Compost would love to have you be part of their composting community. JC offers residential pickups, community drop-off locations and can even set you up at home with a tumbler. If you haven't started composting yet, it feels SO GOOD not to let your waste go to waste!