

It's time to make the neighbors green with envy.

There is no better way to enjoy the warm summer months than in a beautiful, lush backyard.



The professionals at Rosehill Gardens have been transforming Kansas City lawns into enchanting settings for over 100 years. Ninety percent of what is sold at

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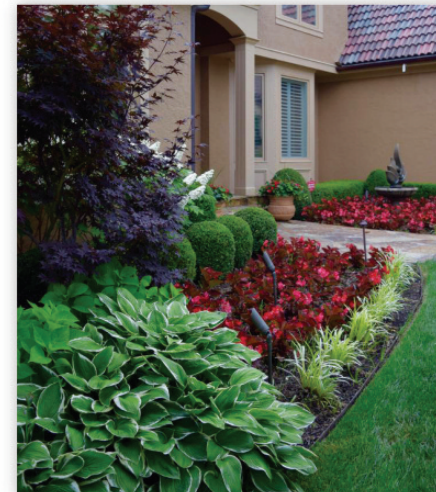
"Our customers come from all over the Kansas City metro and beyond. They come to us looking for advice on planting, lawn care, landscaping, gardening



were in love with green, lush plants and couldn't get enough of unique kinds of plants. Then we began seeing quite a bit of hardscape and concrete take over the backyard. Now, customers are coming in looking for larger, more dramatic trees — allowing us to be creative and give them that WOW factor they are looking for. "

Beauty isn't the only important thing. Greenscaping encompasses a set of landscaping practices that can improve the health and appearance of your lawn and

garden while protecting and preserving natural resources. "The environment and sustainability are important to customers. Along with koi ponds, waterfalls and aquatic plants, we are beginning to see several requests for bee-friendly plants and those that attract butterflies, hummingbirds and other pollinators," says Weidenbach. If you're looking for that unique texture and sustainability, plant a beautiful Bronze Fennel in an area with full sun. This soft,



flowing plant is also a surefire way to attract Swallowtail butterflies, whose caterpillars munch on the fennel's ferny foliage.

Here's a hint: Fennel can self-seed aggressively in the garden; keep it under control by cutting off most of the flowers as they fade. Leave a few flowers to produce seed to keep the plant coming back in your yard.

Your dirt is different than my dirt. Here in

PRO TIP...

Have a shady area in your yard where grass used to grow and it's now just dirt? Rather than grass, think about some form of a ground cover like a vinca or plant a shade garden with beautiful hostas, hydrangea or azaleas. Incorporate a sitting area or a hardscape of pots with impatiens in them. Now you have this lovely environment which you'll want to spend time in.



down the clay. We recommend putting in additives, like sand and topsoil. Bed preparation is key. In a smaller area, we mix 1/3 sand, 1/3 top soil and 1/3 compost. Much of the soil in the southern Johnson County area was scraped off when the homes were built, so that is why there is such severe clay.

Green is back and people like to go green as much as they possibly can and we can help you do that. ■

the south Johnson County burbs, the soil is much different than in Prairie Village and Mission. It's packed with hard clay. You will see many products that claim to break