

MCTMN Plant Sale Procedures

Pre-Plant Sale

See Timeline for detailed tasks

Six weeks before the sale, ask propagators to provide a list of plants and approximate numbers of pots that they will bring.

Three weeks before the sale, distribute a list of plants available from NTN, Mike Heep, and propagators to Mid-Coast and South Texas TMN members and South Texas Native Plant Society of Texas members, with instructions of how to place special orders. Cut-off for special orders is two weeks before the sale.

Two weeks before the sale, ask propagators to deliver plants to the staging area during the weekend before the plant sale. Request that propagators water and trim plants before delivery, and contact staging yard owner to arrange a convenient time to arrive.

Two weeks before the sale, make the preliminary order from Native Texas Nursery and request delivery for the Tuesday before the plant sale. Call volunteers to assist on the delivery date with receiving plants, labelling, and dividing plants into two groups.

Special-ordered plants can be collected from the staging yard on the Tuesday delivery date, between 2 pm and 5 pm. Remaining special-orders will be at the plant sale in the holding area, to be paid for and picked up at the sale (9:00am – 5:00pm, Friday and Saturday, until 3:00pm on Sunday).

Post-Plant Sale

The day after the sale, prepare the list of remaining plants and circulate it to TMN chapter and NPSOT members, with a deadline of one week for plants to be purchased (cash or checks only) and collected. Coordinate purchases through the Plant Sale chair and staging yard owner.

One week after the sale, chapter members representing non-profit groups, pollinator garden projects, and other such organizations may request a donation of plants by contacting the Plant Sale chair. Once the request is approved, the plants should be collected as soon as possible, and a letter (preferred) or e-mail from the organization acknowledging the donation should be sent to the chapter Treasurer.

By 1 month after the sale, sort remaining plants into 3 groups and:

- 1) Discard sickly plants; recycle the pots and soil.
- 2) Keep good plants for next year, repotting or taking cuttings as appropriate, with volunteers taking plants to care for.
- 3) Return plants to propagators if requested.