



**Sheridan**  
Nurseries  
100 YEARS

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## Neonicotinoid (Neonics)

Many guests have been inquiring whether our plants are Neonicotinoid (Neonics) free.

I can assure you that all plants grown by Sheridan Nurseries are Neonics free. As well, our main bedding plant supplier, Linwell Gardens, assures us that they are Neonics free and the seed they use has not been treated with Neonics.

However, I would question whether any retailer can guarantee that ALL plants they sell are Neonics free. At Sheridan Nurseries we grow many of the plants we sell, however like most plant retailers, we source and buy plants from hundreds of suppliers covering half of the US, many countries in Europe and half of the provinces in Canada. These suppliers are in turn buying in seeds, cuttings and finished plants from thousands of other growers. We are also at the mercy of what our suppliers tell us regarding their neonic practices. I would be remiss in guaranteeing any specific practices that I do not have direct knowledge of the specific details. **Therefore the answer to our guests question is that to our knowledge, the majority of our plants are Neonics free.**

We have also embarked on a program to ask all of our plant suppliers to confirm in writing if their plants are Neonicotinoid free.

As a further commitment to the preservation of the bee population we have developed a line of Sheridan Garden Classic perennials which we have named "Bee-neficial" plants. We are also promoting bee friendly annuals and flowering shrubs.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karl E. Stensson', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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