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## **Zoo's Plant Sale a Rite of Spring**

Toledo, Ohio—Whether you're an avid gardener or just need to spruce up your living space, you'll find what you need at The Toledo Zoo's **Spring Plant Sale, Sunday, May 17**. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., visitors can pick up that perfect plant from a number of local growers. In addition gardening experts will be on hand, offering insider tips on getting the most out of your garden.

The Spring Plant Sale takes place in the Anthony Wayne Trail entry plaza, and there is no Zoo admission necessary to shop the sale. Parking for the plant sale is free from 10 a.m. to noon in the Zoo's Anthony Wayne Trail lot.

In addition to the amazing array of annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs, the following gardening talks will take place in the Zoo's African Lodge:

- *Hortus Mustus: Plants You Must Have* by Dr. Laura Deeter, 11:30 a.m.
- *Getting the Most out of Herbaceous Plants* by Dr. Laura Deeter, 1:00 p.m.
- *The Real Dirt on Vegetable Gardening* by Cindy Bench, 2:30 p.m.

If your little ones don't share your passion for gardening, they'll still have a great time visiting with Diego and exploring the Children's Play Area, sponsored by Fisher-Price. Although there is no admission necessary to visit the Plant Sale, the gardening talks and Children's Play Area are inside the Zoo; regular admission rates will apply. This year's Spring Plant Sale also celebrates Plant Conservation Day and Blue Weekend, a weekend dedicated to the preservation of rare and endangered species throughout this region.

The Toledo Zoo is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located on the Anthony Wayne Trail (US 25), four miles south of downtown Toledo. For more information, please visit [www.toledozoo.org](http://www.toledozoo.org) or call (419) 385-4040. Lucas County residents are admitted free of charge each Monday from 10 a.m. to noon. ID showing proof of residency is required.

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