



Johnson's Garden Talk

Lawn and garden information for the friends and customers of Johnson's Garden Centers

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Gneighborly Gnomes

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This spring, as you find yourself drawn to the garden, please remember to watch your step. I don't mean to imply that a neighborhood pest has prematurely fertilized your rose bush! On the contrary, some new friends may be in your area ... garden gnomes. Gnomes? I realize that the idea sounds a bit like fantasy, but they do exist. I've seen them with my own eyes!

In the past weeks I've noticed a change around the store. Each morning when I arrive, I hear the shuffling of little feet. The store itself looks sparkling clean, even more so than usual. Have we hired a nightly cleaning crew? No, it's our new friends the gnomes. They have made their home here at Johnson's.

Gnomes are found in all parts of the old world and are beginning a migration to our neck of the woods. Their populations are relatively small in the Midwest, but a movement from the w region is beginning to bring more and more into Wichita and the surrounding areas. The first scouts have set up their homes here at the stores in hopes of finding a more permanent settlement in the garden of some kind soul like you.

Gnomes can be more than just our guests. They are warm-hearted, caring little beings who bring joy to all who encounter them. Kindness is one quality that sets gnomes apart from other mystical creatures of the forest. They are always willing to lend a helping hand.

Family values are another endearing quality these little people possess. Fathers teach their sons woodworking skills, glass blowing and metallurgy. Mothers teach household duties to their daughters and provide immeasurable amounts of love. Gnomes have a wonderful childhood.

The gnomes at Johnson's are gnomes of the first class. They are friendly and helpful and provide us with hours of joy. If you have room in your garden for a gnome, they are sure to do the same for you.

Stop by one of Johnson's locations and check out the wide variety of friendly gnome faces and personalities we have ready for you to take home today.