

# The past, present, and future of Spencer's Lawn & Garden Centers

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In 1934, Noble Spencer, Sr., noticed the growing local need for fence posts. He answered the call of supply and demand by founding Spencer's Lawn & Garden Centers' flagship location at 1430 S. Tejon St., fulfilling his dream of owning a business. Spencer, Sr.'s legacy has stood the test of time: three generations of Spencer children grew up playing and working on the property, and the next generation is now primed for playing in the dirt.

When the business was in its infancy, Spencer, Sr. also hauled fresh produce from Pueblo and the Western Slope and quickly developed a successful, seasonal farmer's market. He dabbled in other business prospects, like hauling hardwood flooring. In 1958, Noble Spencer, Jr., and his wife Margie took over the business and expanded to plants in the late 60's; in the 80's, Mike and Susan Spencer



Mike and Susan Spencer's grandchildren

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started the garden center. Dan and Alice Spencer-Robinson soon rejoined the family business, which expanded into nursery and year-round candy.

Today, this location houses Spencer's largest selection of annuals, tomato plants, seasonal produce, and the famed candy basement. Visitors can

treat their noses in the rose house or inspire their inner culinary artists in the herb house.

Spencer's second location, 4720 Center Valley Drive in Fountain, was built in 1994; it was previously founded in Security on Hallam Avenue. This state-of-the-art greenhouse houses pond supplies, a large nursery lot, space for Spencer's signature geranium tubs and potted plants, and a propane station to refill grill tanks and RVs while customers shop. It also plays host to Spencer's annual Garden Success Show.

It is important to Spencer's, as a family run business, to provide quality products at affordable prices for the local gardening community. No matter which location customers visit, they will be greeted with excellent customer service, the top products in the gardening industry, and inspiration for outdoor living areas.

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