

7 Things You Can Do For Pollinators

1. PLANT FOR POLLINATORS

- Habitat opportunities abound on every landscape –
 from window boxes to acres of farms to corporate
 campuses to utility and roadside corridors every site
 can be habitat.
- Utilize plants native to your area (or at the least, noninvasive for your area).
- Utilize the <u>Ecoregional Planting Guides</u> and the <u>Garden Recipe Cards</u> to create or enhance your pollinator garden. Decide among the plant material options - seeds, plugs, plants or a combination.



- Know your soil type and select appropriate plant material.
- Plant in clusters to create a "target" for pollinators to find.
- Plant for continuous bloom throughout the growing season from spring to fall.
- Select a site that is removed from wind, has at least partial sun, and can provide water.
- Allow material from dead branches and logs remain as nesting sites; reduce mulch to allow patches of bare ground for ground-nesting bees to utilize; consider installing wood nesting blocks for wood-nesting natives.

2. REDUCE OR ELIMINATE THE IMPACT OF PESTICIDES

 Check out the <u>Pesticides Learning Center</u> on the Pollinator Partnership website to learn more about the interactions between pollinators and pesticides!

3. REGISTER AS A BEE FRIENDLY FARMING GARDEN

- Register your home or community garden with <u>Bee Friendly Farming</u> <u>Garden</u> to showcase your commitment to pollinator health!
- Along with your registration, you can opt to receive your very own BFF Garden sign, to encourage others to do the same.
- Your registered garden will appear on the <u>Bee</u>
 <u>Friendly Farming map</u>, along with any photos you choose to submit.
- Apply <u>here!</u>









4. REACH OUT TO OTHERS - INFORM AND INSPIRE

- Utilize all the materials available to help you tell the story of pollinators
- Especially during <u>National Pollinator Week</u> (June 17 23, 2024)
- Tell local and state government officials that you care about pollinator health

5. SUPPORT LOCAL BEES AND BEEKEEPERS

- Buying local honey supports the beekeepers in your area
- If you're concerned about the number of chemicals use in agriculture, buy organic.
- If you're concerned about contributions to global carbon emissions, buy local.





6. CONSERVE ALL OF OUR RESOURCES; USE LESS AND REDUCE YOUR IMPACT

- Pollinators are dramatically affected by extremes in weather
- Climate change puts pressure on native ranges and overwintering sites.

7. SUPPORT THE WORK OF GROUPS PROMOTING SCIENCE BASED, PRACTICAL EFFORTS FOR POLLINATORS. DONATE NOW.

- Donations can be made by going to <u>www.pollinator.org/donate</u>. Donors may also give to a certain program, should they like to support a more specific pollinator issue.
- Donation certificates and honor/memory certificates are available using our online forms. Thank you!

