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 least, non-invasive for your area).
   - Utilize the Ecoregional Planting Guides and the Garden Recipe Cards 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 Pesticides Learning Center 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 Bee Friendly Farming Garden 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 Bee Friendly Farming map, along with any photos you choose to submit.
   - Apply here!

Additional information can be found at www.pollinator.org or by contacting info@pollinator.org.
4. REACH OUT TO OTHERS – INFORM AND INSPIRE
   - Utilize all the materials available to help you tell the story of pollinators
   - Especially during National Pollinator Week (June 21-27, 2021)
   - 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 www.pollinator.org/donate. 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!

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