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Attracting Pollinators to Your Garden



What You Can Do for Pollinators

Plant a garden using native flowering plants:

- Choose a variety of colors and shapes that will attract a variety of pollinators
- Choose plants that flower at different times providing nectar and pollen sources throughout the growing season.
- Plant in clumps rather than single plants to better attract pollinators

For more information: <http://pollinator.org/guides.htm>



Provide habitat for nesting and egg-laying, such as:

- Shrubs, tall grasses, and low-growing plants
- Patches of fallen branches and k
- Small patches of bare ground
- Bee nesting block



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Avoid or limit pesticide use:

- For natural pest control provide a diverse garden habitat with a variety of plant sizes, heights, and types to encourage beneficial insects
- Expect and accept a little bit of pest activity
- Try removing pests by hand (wearing garden gloves)
- If you must use a pesticide, choose one that is the least toxic to non-pest species, does not persist on vegetation, and apply it in the evening when most pollinators are not as active



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