

# Pollinator Friendly Practices... In Your Backyard



*Pollinator Conservation can happen anywhere. From your workplace campus, landfill closure, or your own backyard. Follow these basic tips to get started.*

## Pollinator 101

- **Foraging**

Plant native species for nectar value

- **Reproduction**

Plant host plants, build bee blocks, leave wild corners in your yard

- **Shelter**

Provide cover for nesting and shelter (bee blocks, shrub rows)

- **Reduce Invasive Species**

Use chemicals wisely or manually remove

- **Monitor**

Learn what pollinators are visiting

- **Educate** others about pollinators!



## Here are some ideas for your Pollinator Friendly Backyard:

- Plant wildflowers and grasses that are native to your state
- Try to have at least one plant species in bloom from spring to fall to provide nectar sources as long as possible (example: beardtongue in May, coneflowers in summer, asters in fall)
- Provide cover from wind and elements by planting hedgerows of trees or shrubs
- Create basking areas with flat rocks for butterflies
- Remove exotic plant species manually or with spot treatments of herbicides
- Provide shallow water with sand, pebbles or moist areas for puddling
- Create areas for reproduction such as bee blocks for solitary bees
- If pesticides must be used, apply when pollinators are least active such as early morning and use only where needed with spot treatments

