

Tips for Planting a Pollinator Garden



1. Use native plants. Pollinators and native plants evolved together.
2. Choose nectar- and pollen-rich flowers with a diversity of shape and color
3. Choose plants that bloom from early spring through late fall. (See plant chart below)
4. Avoid modern hybrids. They don't produce as much nectar and are often so complex that the pollinators cannot find the nectar.
5. Avoid landscape fabric and mulch.
6. Save perennial garden cleanup for spring. Many pollinators overwinter in hollow stems, others attach to plant leaf litter. If possible, don't cut down your garden until spring and keep beds of leaves intact throughout the winter
7. Avoid pesticides or herbicides

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