



# BEE a Pollinator Partner

**Pollination is needed for 1 out of 3 foods we eat each day.**

Honeybees are not the only food crop pollinators . . .  
Maryland has more than 400 Native Bees!  
Blueberries are pollinated by over 115 Native Bees.



## ***How can you help the pollinators for our food crops?***

Plant to welcome bees, butterflies, moths, birds, bats, and other pollinators.

Offer nectar and pollen with a variety of flowering plants, shrubs, and trees.

Aim for blooms from early Spring, through Summer, and into late Fall.

Include perennial plants that are native to the Maryland region.

Invite pollinators to a “puddler” water station using a shallow container lined with stones and/or sand.



Native bees take shelter in bare ground patches, dead wood, or even nest boxes.

Wait until Spring to clear landscape and flower beds to provide Winter shelter.

Stop using poisonous pesticides & herbicides!

Remember that only about 10% of insects cause plant/crop damage; the other 90% are “Good Bugs”.



**For planting info go to [extension.umd.edu/frederick-county/home-gardening/publications](https://extension.umd.edu/frederick-county/home-gardening/publications) for a Pollinator Friendly Garden.**

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