

How to be Bee Friendly!

DON'T GET RID OF YOUR DANDELIONS

While many people view dandelions as weeds, they are one of the earliest and most abundant blooming flowers in Toronto and are an important early source of food for many species of bees.

PLANT NATIVE FLOWERS THAT BLOOM AT DIFFERENT TIMES OF THE YEAR

Long-horned bees are fond of sunflowers and dahlias. Evening primrose lasioglossum bees only collect pollen from sundrops and evening primroses, while solitary mining bees and cellophane bees both love goldenrods.

THE GRASS ISN'T ALWAYS GREENER

A large number of native bee species build their nests in the ground. For these bees, having some small patches of well-drained, bare, gently compacted loose soil around your yard provides the ideal habitat.

DON'T GET RID OF YOUR GOLDENRODS EITHER

Goldenrods don't cause hay fever! You're thinking of ragweeds.

Ragweeds have green flowers and don't really stand out. They're pollinated by the wind.

Goldenrods are bright and yellow. They're visited by many bee species and provide much needed late season food before the winter comes.

DO YOU REALLY NEED TO SPRAY?

The over-use of pesticides and herbicides pose a serious danger to biodiversity.

Neonicotinoids are neurotoxins to bees and harm their ability to learn, navigate, collect food, resist disease, and reproduce. All of these factors shorten the lives of bees.

Neonicotinoids are used in farming, but also in many household products like pet sprays, house plants, and christmas trees.



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