



Summer 2026 Newsletter

SUMMER GARDEN TIPS

- Keep flowering plants watered during hot weather so they continue producing nectar.
- Deadhead spent blooms to encourage more flowers.
- Let herbs like basil, mint, oregano, and thyme bloom—they're pollinator favorites!
- Leave a few seed heads for birds to enjoy later in the season.
- Add late-blooming flowers such as asters, goldenrod, sedum, and sunflowers to provide food for migrating butterflies and bees preparing for winter.
- Avoid using pesticides and herbicides whenever possible.



KEEPING POLLINATORS THRIVING THROUGH SUMMER HEAT

Even though it's been a hot summer, our gardens are still buzzing with life! August is one of the most important months to support bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, moths, and other beneficial insects. These amazing pollinators help produce many of the fruits, vegetables, and flowers we enjoy while keeping our ecosystems healthy.

This month, challenge yourself to make your garden a little more pollinator-friendly. Plant one new nectar-rich flower, add a simple watering station, or spend a few minutes watching the busy visitors in your garden. Every small effort makes a difference!

DIY – EASY! CREATE A POLLINATOR MUDDLER OR PUDDLING STATION!

Pollinators need fresh water during hot summer days.

For Bees: Fill a shallow saucer with marbles or pebbles and add water until it sits just below the tops of the stones. The stones provide safe landing spots while bees drink.

For Butterflies: Fill a shallow dish with two parts coarse sand and one part topsoil. Add a few flat rocks and moisten the mixture until it's damp, creating a "puddling station" where butterflies can gather minerals.

Place both stations in a sunny spot near flowering plants. Refresh the water every few days and rinse containers weekly. Skip the sugar or honey—clean water is all pollinators need. Keep an eye on these as you should see bees and butterflies gathering in gratitude!

Every flower planted, every source of clean water, and every pollinator-friendly choice helps create healthier gardens and stronger communities.

Thank you for doing your part to keep our gardens buzzing!