



# Gardening for Pollinators Guide



**Jan**

**Feb**

**March**

**April**

**May**

**June**

Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Layout &amp; design</li><li>- Order seeds/plugs</li><li>- Read a good pollinator book</li><li>- Learn about a new pollinator and what plants support them</li></ul>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Make a goal to visit a pollinator garden</li><li>- Encourage your friends/neighbors to start a pollinator garden, offer to help.</li></ul>
Planting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Frost Seeding of native seeds</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Start seeds indoors for outdoor Spring planting</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Plant new items in your garden beds</li></ul>	
Maintenance			<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Pruning of woody plants, apple trees etc.</li><li>- End of March check for exposed roots of perennials &amp; shrubs. Cover them with appropriate material</li></ul>	<b>Garden Clean Up</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Remove some leaves from Garden beds</li><li>- Cut dead perennial stalks to 18” or higher for solitary native bees</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- watering as needed for any newly installed plants</li><li>- weeding</li></ul>
Invasive Management			<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Look for early emerging invasives: lesser celandine, etc.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Look for early emerging invasives: lesser celandine, etc.</li><li>- Cut larger woody invasives</li><li>- Pull small woody invasives: Autumn Olive, Privet, Japanese Barberry, etc.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Cut larger woody invasives</li><li>- Pull small woody invasives: Autumn Olive, Privet, Japanese Barberry</li><li>- Mow herbaceous invasives before seeding occurs: Japanese Stiltgrass, mugwort, etc.</li></ul>

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	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Planning				- Collect and store seeds from finished flowers		- Call local tree companies for woodchip delivery
Planting	- NO transplanting or planting bare-root plants, too hot/dry - Plant container plants	- Planting new items can begin again in late August	- Plant new items	- Plant a dormant seed for meadow; select seed carefully (WPP website has resources) - Frost seeding of native seeds		
Maintenance	- Weeding - Water as needed for newly installed plants - Water container plants every day for a couple of weeks, followed by alternate days until established			- Leave leaves in garden beds - Leave perennials and grasses standing to overwinter - Remove leaves from walkways, driveways & structures, compost or shred & add to garden - Empty rain barrel so it doesn't freeze - Drain & store hoses so they don't freeze - Protect new trees from deer rubbing with heavy plastic mesh to cage lower branches		
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