



A Buzzworthy Symbiotic Relationship: The Link Between Composting and Pollinators

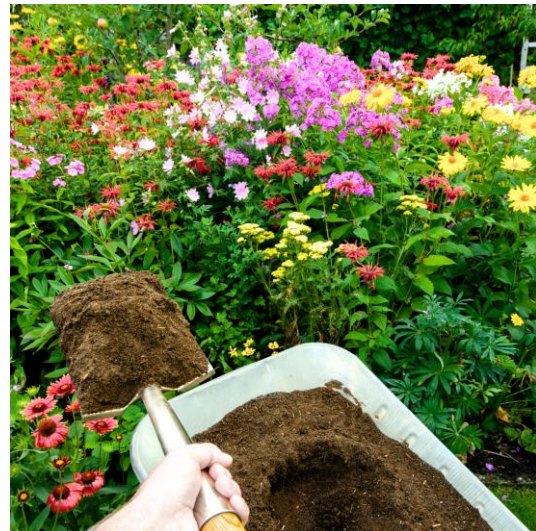
Reduce, Rot, Recycle - Celebrating International Composting Awareness Week in Your Bee Friendly Garden

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When it comes to healthy relationships in the world of sustainability and biodiversity, preservation, pollinators, and composting are tried and true sweethearts. Celebrate [International Composting Awareness Week](#) (May 5-11, 2024) by learning how composting in your Bee Friendly Garden can help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, protect natural pollinator habitats, and foster healthy soil.

Composting and Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Composting, as a sustainable waste management practice, is pivotal in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Traditional disposal methods (like sending trash to landfill) contribute significantly to the release of methane, a potent greenhouse gas. In contrast, composting organic waste facilitates the breakdown of materials in an oxygen-rich environment, mitigating the production of methane. By diverting organic waste from landfills, composting serves as an effective strategy to combat climate change and minimize the carbon footprint associated with waste disposal. Not sure how to compost in your backyard, patio, or apartment garden? [Click here](#) to learn how!



Preserving Pollinator Habitats Through Composting

Pollinators, including bees, butterflies, and more, are essential for ecosystem health and food production. Landfills, seemingly ever-expanding to accommodate the sheer amount of waste humans are creating all around the world, continue to encroach on our natural

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landscapes, displacing pollinators and disrupting their intricate ecosystems. Landfills pose a direct threat to pollinator habitats and contribute to soil degradation and water contamination. The good news? Composting at home can help contribute to the preservation of natural pollinator habitats by reducing the amount of waste we each send to the landfill. [Click here](#) to see a former landfill that was turned into a pollinator meadow!

Using End-Use Compost as a Soil Amendment in Your Bee Friendly Pollinator Garden

The benefits of composting extend beyond waste reduction and greenhouse gas mitigation; the end product, nutrient-rich compost, is an incredible soil amendment teeming with organic matter. By adding compost to your garden, you can enhance soil structure, fertility, and water retention. In fact, adding compost into degraded soils can revitalize and restore native pollinator habitats that may have been compromised by human activities or agricultural practices!



Are you ready to become more sustainable to help out your Bee Friendly Garden and pollinators around the world? Visit [Let's Go Compost](#) to register for one of our many free upcoming events and workshops, or visit our blog to learn more about at-home composting tips and tricks. **And be sure to [register for the May 6, 2024 webinar with Let's Go Compost and Bee Friendly Gardening](#) to learn how you can compost at home to help our planet.**

About Let's Go Compost: Let's Go Compost is a 501(c)(3) non-profit with a mission to make composting free and accessible throughout the United States. Their goal is to revolutionize waste management, reduce landfill waste, and combat harmful greenhouse gas emissions. Their programs are community-led with a focus on supporting school gardens and community gardens, all working to ensure composting and free food waste drop off sites reach all, irrespective of location or income.

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