Steps to a Beautiful Pollinator Garden

1. Find a 3’ x 6’ plot to install your garden that gets 4-6 hours of sun per day, preferably in the morning.
2. Remove or smother any vegetation (lawn) and enhance the soil by mixing with organic compost.
3. Find plants from the provided table at your local garden center and purchase the amount listed.
   *Is the 1st choice unavailable? Try the 2nd choice!*
   *Want to plant a larger area? Include both choices and clump similar species together.*

**NOTE:** Make sure that the plants have NOT been treated with insecticides - this information can be found on the label or ask the garden center staff.

4. Arrange your plants like the planting guide on the card back.
5. Dig holes 2x larger than the plants’ pots. Lightly break-up the roots, place the plants, and fill the holes.
6. Mulch around your pollinator garden without the mulch touching the plant stems.
7. Water your garden 2x per week for the first 2-3 weeks - after that, water as needed or if the plant begins to droop.
8. Weed as needed.
9. Plan on your garden taking a few years to fill in.
10. Don’t use insecticides, herbicides or fungicides in your gardens.

### Buying Guide

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### Pollinator Garden 1

**Commercial Retail Garden Centers**

**1 Mountain Region**

3ft x 6ft
Planting Guide | Follow this layout when planting your pollinator garden

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