

HOW TO INCORPORATE NATIVE PLANTS INTO YOUR GARDEN

**USEFUL LINKS TO IMPROVE YOUR
HOME GARDEN**



HOW TO HAVE GLOBAL IMPACT FROM YOUR OWN BACKYARD

Healthy local neighborhood ecosystems add up to a healthy planet

Useful Reference Websites

List of nurseries that specialize in native plants

<https://choosenatives.org/location/native-nurseries/>

Plant databases

<https://nwf.org/nativeplants>

<https://nwf.org/keystoneplants>

<https://www.wildflower.org/>

<https://mtcubacenter.org/native-plant-finder/>

Invasives and facts sheets on how to eliminate them

<https://blueridgeprism.org/factsheets/>

Deer and rabbit resistant native plants

<https://www.plantnovanatives.org/deer-and-native-plants>

Online native plant sellers

<https://gardenforwildlife.com/>

<https://www.izelplants.com/>

<https://www.thepollennation.com/>

Green and clean lawn care providers

<https://vnps.org/conservation/bay-friendly-lawn-care-providers/>

Native plant landscapers

<https://www.plantnovanatives.org/landscaping-help>

Invasive plant removal

<https://www.plantnovanatives.org/invasive-plant-management>

Government Rebate Programs

**Washington DC Pepco and Casey Trees
partnership**

<http://www.pepco.com/energy/environment/planting/treerequest/>

Washington DC Riversmart Home program

<https://doee.dc.gov/service/riversmart-homes>

Montgomery County Rainscapes Program

<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/water/rainscapes/index.html>

Fairfax County Conversation Assistance Programs

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/soil-water-conservation/conservation-assistance-programs>

Organizations

Homegrown National Park

<https://homegrownnationalpark.org/>

Audubon Society, Audubon at Home

<https://www.audubonva.org/audubon-at-home>

Native Plant Societies: <https://nanps.org/native-plant-societies/>

Maryland Native Plant Society <http://www.mdflora.org/>

Virginia Native Plant Society <http://vnps.org/>

How to become a Master Gardener or Master Naturalist

Virginia

<https://arlington.ext.vt.edu/programs/master-gardeners.html#:~:text=Newly%20graduated%20EMG%20Interns%20then,become%20Certified%20Extension%20Master%20Gardeners>

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/green-spring/extension-master-gardeners/membership>

<http://www.virginiamasternaturalist.org/become-a-master-naturalist.html>

Maryland

<https://sites.google.com/umd.edu/montgomerycountymg/home/ask-a-master-gardener/become-a-master-gardener>

<https://extension.umd.edu/programs/environment-natural-resources/program-areas/master-naturalist-program/become-master-naturalist#:~:text=Candidates%20must%20be%2018%20years,volunteer%2040%20hours%20per%20year>

Articles

How to turn your garden into a carbon sink

<https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20220610-how-to-turn-your-garden-into-a-carbon-sink>

Gardening to attract butterflies and moths

<https://mgmv.org/pollinators/attracting-lepidopterans/>

Creating a monarch waystation

<https://mgnv.org/wildlife/creating-a-monarch-waystation/>

Monarch butterflies are endangered, leading wildlife monitor says

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/07/21/climate/monarch-butterflies-endangered-iucn.html?referringSource=articleShar>

Help butterflies, bees, and birds with a pollinator garden in your yard

https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/kidspost/help-butterflies-bees-and-birds-with-a-pollinator-garden-in-your-yard/2019/10/04/7cb9d418-e089-11e9-b199-f638bf2c340f_story.html

One way to do more for the environment: Do less with your yard

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/05/16/opinion/climate-change-gardening-biodiversity.html>

What are local ecotype plants and why do they matter

<https://marylandgrows.umd.edu/2022/04/11/what-are-local-ecotype-plants-and-why-do-they-matter-to-pollinators/>

Attracting wildlife to your garden

<https://extension.umd.edu/resource/attracting-wildlife-your-garden>

Spring ephemerals for residential gardens

<https://extension.psu.edu/spring-ephemerals-for-residential-gardens>

Why some of your natives should be annuals

https://www.nytimes.com/2022/07/13/realestate/why-some-of-your-annuals-should-be-native-plants.html?fbclid=IwAR27ktWZOGq0t1W51SqFe2lkpVgpQ_4mVQhG1mwD03YaoCpDx70hiVtC44M

Deer and native plants (include a link to rabbits and native plants)

<https://www.plantnovanatives.org/deer-and-native-plants>

Invasive plants to avoid buying for your yard or garden

<https://extension.umd.edu/resource/invasive-plants-avoid-buying-your-yard-and-garden-maryland>

Australia's environment in shocking decline, report finds

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-australia-62217390>

Grass is a water hog. Here's how to create a drought-tolerant yard

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/home/2022/06/29/drought-tolerant-plants-yard/>

Yes, you can do better than the great American lawn

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/06/15/realestate/yes-you-can-do-better-than-the-great-american-lawn.html>

Your lawn questions answered

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/06/29/realestate/lawn-care.html?referringSource=articleShare>

Ditching grass could help your backyard thrive

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-solutions/2021/06/30/climate-friendly-backyard/>

Gardeners urged to let lawns go wild to boost nature

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-61264905>

Videos

What is the best way to get rid of invasive plants?

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox>

Here's the best way to kill mosquitos – instead of fogging

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=TqcDZDNtP-0>

Do native plants attract deer, squirrels, and rabbits?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5IQNeHXLzM>
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Ticks, Lyme disease and landscaping

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hLNv2qxpfgI>

Why is reducing the area of lawn important

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vwN-MIiCULg>

How do I convert my lawn to natives (even if I am not a gardener)?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mBKdLHUJUGM>