



# One yard at a time...



There is a worldwide crisis that affects every element of life as we know it. Pollinators are in serious decline. Without pollinators, human life and all ecosystems on earth will be severely affected.

## We can do this!

1. Pesticides are a driving factor in pollinator decline. Cease insecticide use - especially neonicotinoid insecticides.
2. Habitat loss is a key factor in pollinator decline. Plant native host & nectar plants.
3. Wait to do spring yard clean-up until May for overwintering pollinators.
4. Leave some untidy nesting areas, such as logs, brush and mulch piles.
5. Tolerate some bee flowers like dandelions.
6. Accept some plant and insect damage - nature knows how to keep a balance.
7. Replace turf with native flowers, pollinator lawns, gardens or prairie.
8. Ask your plant supplier for native flowers that are NOT treated with neonics.
9. Ask your garden center to remove chemical insecticides and sell pesticide-free plants.
10. Make your workplace, school and neighborhood pollinator-friendly.
11. Ask your city or county to pass a pollinator protection resolution.
12. Tell your decision-makers to support strong pollinator policies.
13. Support farmers who transition away from using insecticides.
14. Educate yourself so you can educate others.
15. Buy organic food and products.
16. Create an environmental commission in your community.
17. Immerse kids in the wonderment of the natural world.
18. Be a volunteer or sponsor for Pollinator Friendly Alliance.



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# TAKE ACTION

# Protect the life that sustains us

**Pollinator Friendly Alliance (PFA)** is a nonprofit organization that protects pollinators to conserve the environment.

## **PFA Key Actions Include:**

- Expanding Pollinator Habitat
- Reducing Pesticide Use
- Sharing Knowledge
- Community Environmental Stewardship
- Annual Best Practices for Pollinators Summit

## **Why Pollinators Need Our Help:**

Pollinators form the base of the food chain which nature and humans depend upon. Scientists have been alerting us for decades about species decline, yet in less than a single lifetime, North America has lost more than half of its wild animal populations, one in four wild bee species are at risk of extinction, and western monarch butterfly populations dropped to 99% lost in 2021. Pollination services make over \$30 million in Minnesota annually and 85% of Minnesota food crops need insect pollination. The economic value of insect-pollination for crops in the U.S. is estimated at \$34 billion per year. Our actions to protect pollinators also support a healthy environment and helps mitigate climate change.

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