



## BEE KIND

Easy ways to help our  
pollinator friends.

Bees are vital to our ecosystem—and they need our support now more than ever. Here's how you can make a difference right in your own backyard:

### Keep Bees Hydrated

- **Offer shallow water stations:** Fill a dish or bowl with clean water and add pebbles or marbles so bees have a safe place to land and drink without drowning.
- **Skip the sugar water:** If nectar is plentiful, fill your bee feeders with fresh water instead.
- **Keep it clean:** Change the water regularly to prevent algae or contamination.

### Plant With Purpose

- **Go native:** Choose native flowers like goldenrod, aster and yarrow—bees love them!
- **Think local:** While honeybees can travel miles, mason bees only go a few hundred feet. Plant a

variety of blooms nearby to support all types of pollinators.

- **Ditch the chemicals:** Avoid pesticides and herbicides—they're harmful to bees and other beneficial insects.

### Support Local Beekeepers

- **Buy local honey:** It's not just delicious—it supports the health and sustainability of local bee populations.
- **Join the buzz:** Attend beekeeping workshops or local bee events to learn more and connect with your community.

### Create a Bee-Friendly Environment

- **Provide shade:** Bees can overheat in the summer. Shade their hives with trees, umbrellas or shade cloth.
- **Ensure ventilation:** Good airflow helps bees regulate hive temperature—just be careful to avoid creating drafts.

Keep the buzz alive!



## GARDENING FOR BEGINNERS

Peas don't like too much water.  
Potatoes don't like tomatoes or cucumbers.  
Potatoes and cabbage are friends.  
Cabbage does not like radishes.  
Do not plant beans with onions, beets or cucumber.  
Beets love carrots, onion, cabbage and potatoes.  
Tomatoes love carrots and peas.  
Carrots and onions do well together.

### Links

- [What in The World Are Worm Castings? | Almanac.com](#)
- [Vegetables To Grow All Year In Southern California](#)

### Garden Watering Schedule

Twice Weekly	Once Weekly	10 Days to Two Weeks
Lettuce Celery Swiss chard Radishes Beets Carrots Turnips Potatoes Broccoli Cauliflower Cabbage Strawberries Raspberries Blackberries Peas	Beans Corn Peppers Eggplant Zucchini Summer squash Cucumbers Yams Peanuts Rhubarb Onions Pumpkins	Tomatoes Watermelon Cantaloupe Butternut squash Hubbard squash Banana squash Peaches Nectarines Pears Apples Plums Cherries Grapes Asparagus

### A Note From Tom McCray

I hope you're enjoying the beautiful spring weather—perfect for getting out in the garden! With the sunshine and rain, things are growing fast ... including weeds. Each gardener is responsible for keeping their plot and surrounding area weed-free. During a recent walkthrough, staff noticed several

plots that need attention. Weeds not only affect the look of the garden center but also spread to neighboring plots. While staff can enforce these rules, we'd much rather rely on everyone's cooperation. Let's work together to keep our garden center beautiful and thriving.

### Reminders and Rule Updates

- Gardeners must remove weeds from both their plots and the surrounding pathways (Operating Rules G1, M2, N4, and O6 ).
- Remove trees from garden plots. Tree plots are for trees only—no veggies, vines or flowers—and all tree plantings must be preapproved by staff.
- Install a camera in your plot if you suspect theft.
- Look for revised operating rules in your inbox soon.