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Bee City Canada is taking action to **protect pollinators!**

Help us by getting your city, town, First Nation, school, business or community group involved.

Learn more about our programs at BeeCityCanada.org

5 things you can do to save the bees:

- 1. Plant** a pollinator-friendly garden in your yard or on your balcony.
- 2. Grow** vegetables at home or a community garden.
- 3. Support** pollinator-friendly farmers. Shop local, get out to a farmers market and choose pesticide-free or organic foods.
- 4. Be a lazy gardener.** Mow less frequently. Leave the leaves. Clean-up in the late spring, after the pollinators emerge from their winter hideouts.
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Pollinator Facts

- Pollinators include native/wild bees, honey bees, wasps, beetles, flies, moths, butterflies, hummingbirds, other insects and some mammals too.
- There are over 800 species of native bees in Canada. Most are solitary and live in the ground.
- Some native bee species are picky about the flowers they visit and only forage for pollen from a small number of plants- sometimes just one species.
- Honey bees were brought to Canada in the 1800s for their honey and wax. Today, many farms depend on them for the pollination of crops.
- Almost 90% of plants on the planet need pollinators to reproduce.
- 75% of food crops require pollination to maximize seed or fruit production.
- 40% of the world's pollinator population is at risk.

**With your support
we'll give pollinators
a brighter future!**

Bee City Canada is a federally-recognized charity focused on engaging and inspiring cities, towns, First Nations, schools, businesses and other organizations across Canada to take action to protect pollinators.

Our Bee City community partners are working to achieve these goals through three key actions:

1. **Creating**, maintaining and/or improving pollinator habitat.
2. **Educating** their community about the importance of pollinators.
3. **Celebrating** pollinators during National Pollinator Week.

We Need Your Help

Please support Bee City Canada by making a **donation** today at [Beecitycanada.org/donate](https://beecitycanada.org/donate)



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Why are pollinators threatened?

- As we change natural landscapes to make way for cities, urban sprawl, industrial and agricultural lands, pollinators lose their food sources and homes.
- Large scale farming often depends on agrochemicals, such as pesticides, herbicides and fungicides. These can create toxic environments for pollinators.
- Growing one type of crop over large areas of land, as is common on many farms, does not provide the kind of habitat or food sources that pollinators need. They require rich and diverse ecosystems that include a multitude of native plants, shrubs and trees.

What can we do about this?

Create healthier and more diverse natural environments in our cities, schools, parks, backyards, balconies, farms and countryside!



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2. **Support local** pollinator-friendly farmers. Get out to a farmers' market and choose pesticide-free foods. Try to reduce your meat consumption.
3. **Grow veggies**, herbs and medicinal plants in your yard, on your balcony or in a community garden.
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More ways to protect pollinators:

Take Action

Become a Bee City

Join the other cities, townships, municipalities and First Nations across Canada taking action.

Beecitycanada.org/cities

Become a Bee School/Campus

Join schools across Canada that are taking action to protect pollinators.

Beecitycanada.org/schools

Become a Partner

Get recognized by Bee City Canada as a Bee-friendly organization. "Bee" proud and tell your customers, employees, patrons, members or congregants that you care!

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Connecting People, Pollinators and Places