Bee Safe Gardening Tips

Grow Bee-Safe

Plant bee-friendly plants using only organic starts or untreated seeds in organic potting soil for your home vegetable and flower gardens to help provide safe food and habitat for bees. See other side of this tip sheet for a list of bee friendly native plants.

Practice Bee-Safe Pest Control

Avoid the use of systemic bee-toxic pesticides in your garden and use alternative approaches such as providing habitat to attract beneficial insects that prey on pest insects in your garden. If pest pressure is too high, use insecticidal soaps or oils and other eco-friendly pest control products.

Do not buy products that contain neonicotinoids

Read the label and avoid using off-the-shelf neonicotinoid insecticides in your garden. These products contain acetamiprid, clothianidin, imidacloprid, and thiamethoxam as active ingredients. See the list below for a list of common off-the-shelf neonicotinoid plant treatments and the neonicotinoids they contain.

Do a clean sweep

See if you have these products at home, dispose of them properly or take them back to the store where you bought them.

Take action

Learn more and take action to save bees at www.BeeAction.org.

Look Out for these Brand Name Products Containing Neonicotinoids on the Label!

Acetamiprid

Ortho® Flower, Fruit & Vegetable Insect Killer; Ortho® Rose & Flower Insect Killer

Clothianidin

12 Month Tree & Shrub Protect & Feed II (Granules); 12 Month Tree & Shrub Protect & Feed II (Granules); All-In-One Rose & Flower Care Granules; ALOFT® Gc Sc Insecticide; ALOFT® Lc G Insecticide; ALOFT® Lc Sc Insecticide; ARENA® .25 G Insecticide; ARENA® 50 WDG Insecticide; Green Light® Grub Control with Arena® Insecticide

Dinotefuran

Green Light® Tree & Shrub Insect Control with Safari® 2 G Insecticide; Safari 2 G Insecticide; Safari 20 SG Insecticide; Transtect™ 70WSP Insecticide; Zylam® 20 SG Systemic Turf Insecticide

Imidacloprid

12 Month Tree & Shrub Insect Control Landscape Formula; 12 Month Tree & Shrub Protect & Feed (Concentrate); 12 Month Tree & Shrub Protect & Feed (Granules); 12 Month Tree & Shrub Protect & Feed II (Granules); 12 Month Tree & Shrub Protect & Feed II (Granules); 2-In-1 Insect Control Plus Fertilizer Plant Spikes; 2-In-1 Systemic Rose & Flower Care; 3-In-1 Insect, Disease & Mite Control (Ready-to-Spray); 3-In-1 Insect, Disease & Mite Control (Ready-to-Use and Concentrate); All-In-One Rose & Flower Care; All-In-One Rose & Flower Care Granules; Complete Brand Insect Killer For Soil & Turf (Granules); Complete Brand Insect Killer For Soil & Turf (Ready-to-Spray and Concentrate); Criterion™ 0.5 G; Criterion™ 2F Insecticide; Criterion™ 75 WSP Systemic Insecticide; DIY Tree Care Products Multi-Insect Killer; Dual Action Rose & Flower Insect Killer; Ferti-lome® 2-N-1 Systemic; Fruit, Citrus & Vegetable Insect Control; Hi-Yield® Systemic Insect Spray; Hunter .5 G Insecticide; Hunter 75 WSP Insecticide; Knockout Ready-to-Use Grub Killer Granules; Lesco Bandit 2F Insecticide; Lesco Bandit Insecticide 0.5 G; Lesco Bandit Insecticide 75 WSP; Mallet® 0.5 G Insecticide; Mallet® 2 F T&O Insecticide; Mallet® 75 WSP Insecticide; Marathon® 1% Granular; Marathon® 60 WP; Marathon® II; Merit® 0.5 G; Merit® 2 F; Merit® 75 WP Insecticide; Merit® 75 WSP Insecticide; Merit® Tree Injection; Monterey Once A Year Insect Control; Monterey Once A Year Insect Control II; Ortho® Bug B Gon® Year-Long Tree & Shrub Insect Control; Ortho® MAX® Tree & Shrub Insect Control Ready-to-Spray; Season Long Grub Control Plus Turf Revitalizer; Season-Long Grub Control; Surrender® GrubZ Out; Termite Killer Granules; Xytect™ 2F Insecticide; Xytect™ 75WSP Insecticide; Xytect™ Infusible

Thiamethoxam

Flagship™ 0.22 G; Flagship™ 25 WG; Maxide® Dual Action Insect Killer Concentrate; Maxide® Dual Action Insect Killer Granules; Meridian® 0.33 G; Meridian® 25 WG

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Bee Friendly Flowers

Aster	Black-Eyed Susan	Blazing Star	Calstrop
Creosote Bush	Currant	Elder Flower	Goldenrod
Huckleberry	Joe Pye Weed	Lupine	Oregon Grape
Penstemon	Purple Coneflower	Rabbitbush	Rhododendron
Scorpion Weed	Snowberry	Stonecrop	Sunflower
Wild Buckwheat	Wild Lilac	Willow	Woodland Sage

Some common off-the-shelf neonicotinoid plant treatments

BAYER ADVANCED
COMPLETE INSECT KILLER
For Soil & Turf Concentrate
EXCLUSIVE 2-WAY FORMULA

ORTHO
FLOWER, FRUIT & VEGETABLE INSECT KILLER
KILLS 100+

BAYER ADVANCED
Rose & Flower Insect Killer