



Backyard and Beyond

Build a Bee Bath

What you need:

- Small to medium reusable container, like an old Tupperware container
- Rocks, small twigs, bark – sized to fit in your container
- Water

What you do:

1. Gather your materials.
2. Arrange your rocks, twigs, or bark in your container. Pile them up, so pollinators that visit your bee bath have a place to land. Pollinators want to drink the water and cool off, but not go for a swim.
3. Add water to your container. You want enough water for pollinators to reach it, but not so much that it completely covers the landing spots.
4. Find a good spot to place your bee bath – somewhere it won't fall over and around flowering plants.
5. Let your bee bath get a little yucky! Bees prefer "dirty" water because it contains important minerals like calcium, potassium, and magnesium that help them stay healthy.

