



Ten Things that Help



Maryland Honey Bees!

- 1. Plant pollinator friendly plants!** It turns out that bees love a lot of the plants that you do. Check out a regional planting guide at www.pollinator.org/guides (and there are apps!)
- 2. Garden organically:** Every neighborhood has hundreds of people making thousands of choices about chemicals that end up in rivers and streams...and consumers are among the least careful. Keep your garden safe and simple for you, your family, and the bees!
- 3. Speak up for bees at home!** Every day, community covenants and neighborhood associations make decisions that eliminate bee habitat and green activities. Put in a good word for pollinators and their human partners!
- 4. Encourage your community to plant trees:** In many ecosystems, trees are a major contributor to pollinator forage. A single tree can have hundreds of thousands of flowers! Trees also provide habitat, clean the air, filter ground water, and cool summer days.
- 5. Support Maryland honey bee research:** Two of the most important research centers for honey bee health are here! USDA has a world-famous Bee Lab in Beltsville, and the University of Maryland has the Bee Informed Partnership! Contribute at www.beeinformed.org/
- 6. Resist restrictions on beekeeping:** Even big cities like New York and DC make room for beekeeping, but sometimes smaller towns restrict it. Let your leaders know you like bees!
- 7. Shop at farmers markets:** Buy local honey and the \$27 million+ of Maryland fruits and veggies that rely on honey bee pollination! Healthy local farms are healthy homes for bees.
- 8. Learn about beekeeping:** The work of the bee and the beekeeper changes from time to time and place to place! Learn more about this green miracle by finding a link to your local bee club at www.mdbeekeepers.org/bee-classes/
- 9. Write a letter supporting honey bee health:** Make sure your local, state and national representatives hear that you know the vital role played by honey bees, and ask them to support measures that protect bees and beekeepers, and the environment!
- 10. Take a moment to see the bees!** You won't see our busy, beautiful bees unless you stop to smell the flowers! The next time you pass a blooming garden, pause and watch for just a few seconds, and soon you will see the lovely, lively pollinators you are helping to protect!



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