



SPRING 2024 TIPS & RECOMMENDATIONS

PLANT NATIVE POLLINATOR PLANTS

Spring is almost here! Renew your garden with native pollinator plants. Support bees and butterflies while beautifying your landscape. Keep an eye out for the EAC's annual native plant sale on May 11th. Check out this list of deer-resistant native pollinator plant options for your garden. [Pennsylvania Native Plants for the Perennial Garden](#)

CREATE A MINI MEADOW

By replacing all or part of your lawn with native vegetation that provides food and cover, you can create a refuge to attract a variety of wildlife. Meadows also help water infiltrate 3-4X faster than a lawn and PA has created grants to support lawn conversion. [Wildlife-Friendly Alternatives to Lawn](#)

REDUCE RUN-OFF AND SUPPLY WATER TO YOUR GARDEN WITH A RAIN BARREL

Rain barrels are a great addition to any garden. They collect rain water so it doesn't run off into streams, can help reduce flooding, and they provide free water to water your garden. Plus, they're easy to make! [Rain Barrels](#)

GO ELECTRIC IN YOUR YARD

New battery powered lawn mowers, weed whackers, and electric leaf blowers are much more energy efficient than gas powered devices. They do not produce pollution, are much quieter to operate, cordless, and lightweight.

CHECK YOUR WELL WATER

Recent data from Penn State indicates that 60% of wells it tested failed to meet at least one health based standard. It's easy to test your water. Learn how: [Water Testing](#)

More questions about gardens or water? Contact the Penn State Master Gardener/Master Watershed hotline at 267-482-2022 (M-F 9-12, 1-4) or email bucksmsg@psu.edu