

Site Prep

Solarization

Solarization is when plastic is put down over the area that you want to plant your pollinator garden and the sun shines through the plastic during the summer and kills everything underneath so the following year the area is clear and ready for pollinator seed. If you are interested in solarization, we have plastic available to cover your plot.

Chemical Weed Killer

Another option for clearing your plot is spraying it with chemical weed killer for a year to kill everything in the plot. Then it needs to rest for a year before anything can be planted.

Manual Weed Removal

The previous two options take a lot of time, this option is much more work but takes less time. You can pull all the weeds out of the plot making sure to get the roots so they do not grow back. Then once the plot is cleared seed mix can be scattered right away.

Plot Sizes

100 Square Feet
500 Square Feet
1,000 Square Feet

Things to Consider

- Pesticide Drift
- Weed Pressure
- Irrigation
- Site History
- Residual Chemicals

It's best to start small to make sure your plot will work before going through all the work to create a huge plot.

Planting

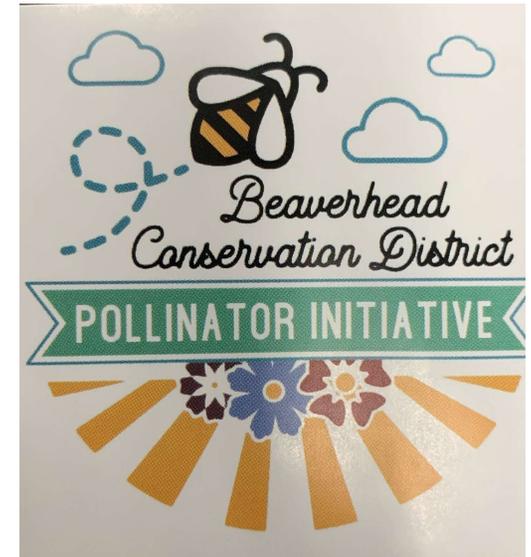
Seed should be broadcasted then gently raked to mix them in with the dirt, watered at least every other day in the beginning. Planting seasons are spring as soon as the ground thaws, late summer so they can establish before the snow flies and Fall once the ground freezes (Mid November) when everything is dormant.

Interested in Seed?

We usually have free pollinator seed available in the late fall around the fall planting date November 15th and in the spring.

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**FREE
POLLINATOR
INITIATIVE
SEED MIXES**





Backyard Seed Mix

Want to save the bees but also have a gorgeous flower garden?

I'm all about having beautiful flowers. I don't have the grasses that help protect against weed growth and give pollinators somewhere to live but I am the most beautiful. I need a completely clear plot with lots of water, I cannot compete with weeds. I am designed for small areas 100 square feet or less. I would look great in your window boxes or along your sidewalk, the possibilities are endless for me.

Backyard Mix: Prairie coneflower, Blanket flower, Maximilian sunflower, Black-eyed Susan, Lewis flax, Western yarrow, Rocky Mountain bee plant, Lacy phacelia

Conservation Seed Mix

Have a plot with weeds that you would like to be more native?

I have a couple pretty flowers but I am mostly grasses, my goal is to establish my dominance and clear out any weeds that might be in my designated plot. I would still like my plot to be mostly cleared off so I can establish, but once I get my roots down into the soil I can keep the weeds at bay mostly on my own.

Conservation mix: Lewis flax, small burnet, Slender wheatgrass, Birdsfoot trefoil, Alfalfa, Sainfoin, Lacy phacelia, tall wheatgrass



Southwest Montana Seed Mix

Have a big plot and you have already put in all the work to clear the site?

You deserve a pretty flower garden for all that hard work! I am mostly flowers but I have a couple grasses to keep the weeds at bay. I also have an addition available of slender wheat grass that can help me establish better. I require regular water to keep my flowers beautiful and I prefer a clean plot to start.

SW MT Mix: Prairie coneflower, Blanket flower, Maximilian sunflower, Black-eyed Susan, Lewis flax, Purple prairie clover, small burnet