We need plants. Plants need bees.

BEE Careful with Pesticides!

Pollinator-friendly plants in your garden. Different flower colors, shapes and scents will attract a wide variety of pollinators. If you have limited space, you can plant flowers in containers on a patio, balcony and even window boxes.

Find more information about pollinators at EPA's Pollinator Protection web page:

http://www2.epa.gov/pollinator-protection

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Step 1: Identify the problem
Knowing the problem is the first step toward solving it.

Step 2: Try to solve the problem without pesticides
Pests can often be managed safely without use of pesticides. Explore the University of California statewide Integrated Pest Management Program:

http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/index.html

Step 3: Find the product that solves the problem
All products do not work on every pest. Labels list both host plants to be treated and pests that can be controlled. If needed, okay to apply.

Step 4: Buy and use the right amount; more is not necessarily better
Purchase labels tell how much to use to treat a pest. Use more than indicated only if the label instructs you to do so. Step 5: Use the product according to the label
Labels tell how to safely use products for best results. Use only the amount indicated. Follow directions to be sure you use the pesticide safely.

Step 6: Pay attention to warnings affecting bees and other pollinators
Unintended when and how to apply the product to ensure pollinator safety.

EPA Extra Careful

Tips for protecting honey bee pollinators are necessary:

- Do not apply pesticides when honey bees are in the area.
- Bees generally are inactive from one hour before sunrise to two hours before sunset or when the temperature is below 55 F.
- Early evening application is best so pesticides can dry during the night.
- To minimize drift, do not apply pesticides on a windy day.

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Report Bee Kills
To report a large bee kill, please contact the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at:

beekill@epa.gov

Careful with Pesticides! Why are Bees and Other Pollinators Important to Us?

Some pesticides on legacy lists are toxic to bees. Overuse and misuse of pesticides can be bad for pollinators. Think about when and where pesticides may be applied without harming pollinators. For example, do not apply to blooming flowers, or at any time you see pollinators in an area.

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