

SPECIAL PROMOTION IN GRESHAM AND FAIRVIEW! FREE NATIVE PLANTS WHEN YOU ENROLL IN BACKYARD HABITAT!

Do you enjoy gardening and want to make your garden welcoming for birds, butterflies, and other pollinators while helping the environment? We can teach you how and give you free native plants!



Enroll in the Backyard Habitat program before August 15th and you will receive \$35 worth of native plants. After a Habitat Technician visits your yard, the City of Gresham will mail you a form to order the native plants that you want. Then, you can pick up your plants at Gresham City Hall in early October.

Who is eligible? If you get a water bill from Gresham, Fairview, or Rockwood PUD you are eligible! Sign up now: www.backyardhabitats.org/apply

What is the Backyard Habitat Certification Program?

The program is a collaboration between Columbia Land Trust and Portland Audubon that provides discounts, resources, and guidance to those who want to increase the amount of nature in their yards.

When you enroll in the program, a Habitat Technician will visit your property. They will identify harmful plants for you to remove, suggest native plants and other garden fixtures that attract birds and pollinators, recommend alternatives to pesticides, and give you ideas to manage rainwater on site. Those recommendations are customized to each participant's site conditions and personal interests.

The technician will then email you personalized directions on how to get your site "Backyard Habitat" certified. You will also receive coupons to local nurseries, follow-up technical assistance, invitations to visit other people's yards (offered virtually in 2020), and, when certified, a metal sign. All of this for \$35. If the enrollment cost is a barrier to participating in the program, please let us know and we can waive the fee.

If you have questions, please contact JP at jmarchettimendez@backyardhabitats.org or (971) 222-6100. JP speaks Spanish, Portuguese, and English.

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