



Backyard Habitat on a Budget



You can create a habitat on any budget! This handout highlights some of the FREE or low-cost actions you can take when building your backyard habitat.

Scan the QR code below for more information





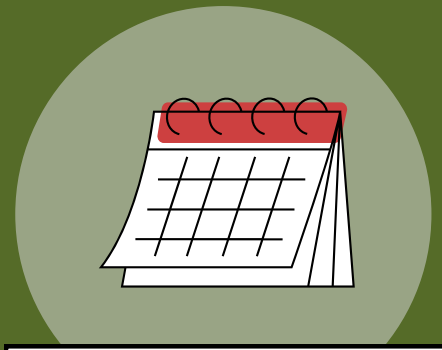
Leave the Leaves

- Leaves are free high quality mulch.
- Fall leaves provide great habitat for beneficial insects.
- As leaves decompose they return nutrients to the soil.
- Insect larvae on the underside of leaves is the #1 food for baby birds.



Propagate Natives

- Many native plant species can be easily propagated.
- Use QR code on the front of this handout to find instructions.
- Willows, Red osier dogwood, Snowberry, and Twinberry have high propagation success rates.



Plant in the Fall

- Native plants survive best when planted in the fall or winter.
- They have less transplant shock and are naturally watered by the rain.
- By planting in the fall you'll save money on watering.



Discount Plant Sales

- Backyard Habitat offers coupons for 15+ local nurseries.
- Check our newsletter and Facebook page for notices about local plant sales and giveaways.
- Try planting from seed for an extra affordable option.



Pesticide free Pledge

- Commit to going pesticide free.
- Sign Metro's Healthy Yard & Garden pledge for a free yard sign.
- By not using pesticides you support native insects and wildlife and help keep our rivers clean!



Utilize free Resources

- Create wildlife water features using old plates or planter bases.
- Order free mulch from ChipDrop.
- Contact Friends of Trees to ask about discounted trees.
- Find free materials on the Friends of Backyard Habitat Facebook page or Buy Nothing groups.