



TOWER GROVE
— PARK —

BEE BATH



OVERVIEW

Bees, like humans, need to drink water and will use it as a place to take a break from foraging and pollinating. Therefore, an easy way to help attract bees to your garden is by creating a water source or bee bath for bees to drink from with a landing spot. Bees like water sources that are dependable – won't go dry in the summer, won't drown the bees, and won't be shared with other wildlife. Bees tend to go back to a water source if they know it has what they need.

AGE

3-12

MATERIALS

- Container
- Water
- Bee raft (a landing spot for the bees so they don't drown – corks, sticks, sponges, packing peanuts, stones, marbles, etc)

PROCEDURE

1. Fill container with water and materials for bee rafts.
2. Place bee bath in area where you would be comfortable having bees visit.
3. Change water frequently to deter mosquitoes from laying eggs.
4. Don't be afraid if the water takes on a scent – bees are usually attracted to scents like salt, chlorine (this is why they are seen so frequently at the pool), and earthy smells like moss, worms, or decomposition – these waters have the advantage of containing a wide range of nutrients including vitamins and minerals,
5. **ABSOLUTELY NO SUGAR!** - bees will get lazy and only visit this sugar water for their food source which means they will not be pollinating the plants that we need to reproduce!