



NATURE NEIGHBORS CONSERVATION ACTIONS CHECKLIST



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REMOVE INVASIVE SPECIES

Remove **ALL** of the following key invasives within your habitat area.

ALL

Removal must be done **without herbicides** (unless recommended by your Site Technician)

- Ivy
 - Blackberry
 - Lesser Celandine
 - Italian Arum
 - Bindweed
 - Knapweed
 - Shiny geranium
 - Herb Robert
 - Japanese Knotweed
 - Thistle
 - Oblong Spurge*
 - Garlic mustard*
- *if found, please report to us!



PLANT NATIVE SPECIES

Have at least **EIGHT** of these types of plants. Each species can be used for only **ONE** category.

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Native plants must comprise at least **70%** of the species in your habitat area.

- Fruit producer
- Nectar producer
- Pollen producer
- Evergreen
- Bulbs
- Grasses
- Caterpillar host
- Spring bloomer
- Summer bloomer
- Fall bloomer
- Winter bloomer
- Drought-tolerant
- Native tree
- Native groundcover



PROTECT SOIL

Complete at least **THREE** of the following soil conservation actions.

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These actions foster important micro-organisms, build soil quality, and prevent erosion.

- Add a compost bin, pile, or tumbler
- Create a vermiculture (worm) bin
- Leave fallen leaves on the ground
- Add mulch/organic matter between plants
- Add a log or branch to decompose in place
- Add cover crops to empty garden beds



CONSERVE WATER

Complete at least **THREE** of the following water conservation actions.

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These actions save water, improve water quality, and make your habitat more drought-resistant.

- Install drip irrigation/soaker hoses
- Install rain barrels or cisterns
- Replace lawn with a drought-resistant eco-lawn or meadow
- Install a rain garden or pond
- Reduce watering to once per week max
- Redirect downspouts into your garden



SUPPORT WILDLIFE

Complete at least **FOUR** of the following actions to help wildlife survive and thrive in your habitat.

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- Add an evergreen or thorny hedgerow
- Leave dead stems in place until May
- Have at least 3 vegetation layers
- Add a rock or brush pile
- Install a bird, bat, bee, or butterfly house
- Provide a year-round clean water source
- Switch outdoor lights to amber bulbs