



NATURE NEIGHBORS CONSERVATION ACTIONS CHECKLIST



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ALL

REMOVE INVASIVE SPECIES

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

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!



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PLANT NATIVE SPECIES

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

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



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PROTECT SOIL

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

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



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CONSERVE WATER

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

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



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SUPPORT WILDLIFE

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

- ☐ 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