

Bee Lawns: Rethinking the Traditional Lawn

For decades, the ideal lawn has been a smooth, green carpet of closely mowed turf grass. While tidy and familiar, traditional lawns offer little benefit to wildlife and often require regular mowing, watering, and fertilizing to maintain their appearance. A growing number of homeowners are discovering an alternative that looks good, functions like a lawn, and supports pollinators: the bee lawn.



A bee lawn is simply a lawn that includes low-growing flowering plants. These plants tolerate mowing and foot traffic but also produce nectar and pollen for bees. Instead of being a biological desert, the lawn becomes a modest but valuable source of habitat.

Pollinators play a critical role in both natural ecosystems and food production. Many fruits, vegetables, and wild plants depend on bees and other insects to reproduce. Yet pollinators often struggle to find food in urban and suburban landscapes dominated by hard surfaces and turf grass. Bee lawns help fill this gap by providing small but widespread sources of nectar and pollen across neighborhoods.

Another advantage of bee lawns is reduced maintenance. Plants commonly used in bee lawns—especially clover—grow well with fewer inputs than turf grass alone. Clover naturally adds nitrogen to the soil, reducing the need for fertilizer. Many bee lawn plants also have deeper roots than turf grass, improving drought tolerance and helping soil absorb rainfall more effectively.

Bee lawns maintain the look and usefulness of a traditional lawn while adding subtle seasonal color. Small white clover blossoms, purple self-heal flowers, and other low blooms appear between mowing cycles, creating a softer, more natural look without becoming overgrown.

By allowing our lawns to host a little more life, we can turn everyday landscapes into places that support both people and wildlife. A bee lawn is a small change, but one that can make a meaningful difference—one yard at a time.

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