

Sit back and relax!



Be sure to make time to enjoy your backyard as you conserve resources there. Sit still for a moment, and observe the life around you. Observe how soil, water, air, plants and wildlife interact on the land. Compare the number and kinds of native plants and animals you see with those you saw when you started. Think of other possible projects for the future. And make sure you and your family pat yourselves on the back because you've made a real difference in the world!

Keep Learning, Keep Sharing

This section of the guide is a basic introduction to backyard conservation. Every piece of land is different, with different resource challenges and solutions. To learn more about what works in your area, read and talk with other people. You can find information and helpful, knowledgeable people at places like:



Your Local Conservation District

They provide expert conservation advice to farmers, ranchers, and homeowners. Check the government listing in your phone book or call 605-895-4099. You can also email at: www.sdconservation.org

Local Chapters of Wildlife Conservation Organizations

National groups can help you learn about national and regional concerns, to deal with conservation challenges in your own community.

Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H or Other Youth Groups

Children can get involved in group conservation efforts while they make friends and learn lifelong skills of planning and cooperation.

Nature Centers or Wildlife Preserves

See conservation in action as you learn more about native plants and animals.

Garden Clubs and Nature Clubs

Hear local conversation success stories and learn what will work in your backyard.

Your Public Library

They have books, pamphlets, and even videos. Ask a librarian - they're glad to help!



Your County Extension Agent

Agents can offer solutions to problems you may face in your backyard, like controlling pests or plant disease.

Nurseries and Garden Centers

They can suggest and provide trees, shrubs, and flowers that work well in your climate, soil and lifestyle, and provide wildlife food and habitat.

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