

Backyard Buddy Checklist

Do you maintain a water source for birds or other wildlife?

- Yes(10 points) No(0 points)

Do you maintain a food source for birds or other wildlife?

- Yes(10 points) No(0 points)

Do you provide a birdhouse or other habitat for wildlife?

- Yes(10 points) No(0 points)

Are there a variety of plants available?

- Yes(10 points) No(0 points)

(If there are a variety of plants, there is less of a chance for pests or disease taking over your area!)

Does your area include flowering plants?

- Yes(10 points) No(0 points)

(Flowering plants attract helpful and beautiful pollinators!)

Can you distinguish harmful insects and other creatures from beneficial ones?

- Yes(10 points) No(0 points)

(Knowing the difference between those creatures that help us and those that cause damage, that person won't destroy the helpful critters!)

Can you name two of each? Name them!

_____ beneficial(2 points) _____ harmful(2 points)
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Do you maintain a compost bin?

- Yes(10 points) No(0 points)

(A person who composts is recycling, and that's a good thing!)

When do you water your plants or lawn?

- Early Morning Midday evening anytime of day
(10 points) (0 points) (5 points) (0 points)

(It is best to water early in the morning so not much water is lost to evaporation)

Do you keep your yard area clean from dead plants and litter?

- Yes(10 points) No(0 points)

(Dead and dying plants attract pests and diseases; litter is unattractive)

Do you apply pesticide?

- Yes(0 points) No(10 points)

When do you apply pesticide?

- Morning Afternoon Evening Anytime of day
(0 points) (5 points) (5 points) (0 points)

(Applying pesticide in the morning may harm helpful pollinators.)

Do you use mulch around your plants?

- Yes(10 points) No(0 points)

(Mulch helps soil keep its moisture, reduces weeds and keeps soil from becoming compacted.)

Does your area contain any native plants?

- Yes(10 points) No(0 points)

(Native plants are plants that typically grow in an area naturally. They need less water and less care)

When you use chemicals, how carefully do you follow the label's directions?

- Very Carefully(10 points) Use more chemical if it's a big problem(0 points)

(When people uses a chemical contrary to what the label recommends, it could be dangerous and pollute the environment.)