

Water Features

Big Bee
Challenge



Ponds and other water features are a wildlife haven and bring a sense of calm and tranquility to a garden or patio.

Bees need water to drink and they also take it back to their nests and hives. They use it to dilute their honey so they can feed their babies and so they can cool down their hives when it's hot.

Providing a water source can help thirsty bees, especially over dry spells and the warmer summer months.



Ideas to introduce water into your garden:



Wildlife Pond

This is a brilliant way to not only help bees but also frogs, birds, bats, hedgehogs and many other friendly animals! Include a shallow end with a gently sloping side so creatures can easily get in and out.



Container Pond

For smaller gardens, turn an old washing up bowl, sink or large plant pot into a mini pond. Sink it into the ground and use gravel, logs, old bricks or stones to create platforms and shallow water for bees.



Bird Bath

This could be free-standing, wall-mounted, hanging up or sitting on the ground. There are also a wide range of different styles and materials to choose from – can you get creative? Include a few pebbles to prevent bees from drowning.



Activity: Build a bee water station

- Fill an old saucer or shallow dish with water
- Add marbles or stones for bees to sit on
- Place somewhere sheltered near some of your bee-friendly plants

Top tip:

Add a seating area next to a pond to create a peaceful, relaxing space where you can watch the bees and other creatures.

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