

Did you know that not all bugs are bad? Or that having your own compost pile can lower your monthly garbage bill and save you money on garden supplies? Having your own compost system will bring beneficial insects to your yard and give you a free supply of "black gold" fertilizer.



insects are helping— but they will help as much as they can! By using natural predators to get rid of pests, you are also preventing the pests from building up a chemical resistance, which can happen when you use pesticides repeatedly.

Should I plant my whole yard with insect-attracting plants?

It isn't necessary to have a whole garden of these plants; just six to seven plants throughout your yard will do the job. Remember that specific plants attract certain insects, and aim for a variety of plants to attract a full spectrum of pest controllers. These incoming insects can also help with pollination!

Does compost help beneficial insects?

Compost helps to moderate soil temperature, maintain moisture, and increase plant growth, each of which promotes the well-being of beneficial insects! The compost also provides good habitat for insects and encourages your plants to grow big and strong without the use of any harmful chemicals.



Why should I have a 3-Bin Compost System in my backyard?

The fastest way to produce compost is with a 3-bin system. Having multiple bins also allows compost to be at different stages and in greater quantities. The first bin is for new materials, middle bin is for a work-in-progress, and the third bin is finished compost. Remember to have a 50/50 mix of greens to browns!

How can I attract beneficial insects to my garden?

Insects will only come if there is food. Planting flowers that will bloom in different seasons is one great way to lure bugs. And if you go organic, having a pesticide-free garden will bring tasty pests for the other bugs to eat. Nothing sounds more delicious to a lady bug than some aphids!

Will the beneficial insects get rid of all the pests?

Pests will always be part of your garden, but with beneficial insects around, there won't be as many. Since they can be hard to see, it is sometimes hard to tell if the beneficial

Naturally Beautiful Backyards

Environmental Services' Naturally Beautiful Backyards (NBB) program promotes the creation of healthy and productive ecosystems in residential yards and gardens by providing education on earth-friendly gardening techniques. Using earth-friendly gardening techniques can greatly reduce the use of synthetic chemicals, increase beneficial organism activity, enhance habitat and wildlife areas, and contribute to the overall health of the community.

The NBB Program promotes six primary earth-friendly gardening techniques:

- Tolerate minimal damage from pests.
- Build and maintain healthy soil.
- Use chemicals as a last resort.
- Use native plants when possible.
- Attract Beneficial Insects.
- Conserve water.

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Natural Gardens at Pacific Park



Garden 3: Beneficial Insects & Compost Demo



Species List:

- Heather
Mediterranean pink
- Sweetbox
Sarcococca hookerana
'Humilis'
- Hardhack
Spirea douglasii
- Lavendar Cotton
Santolina
- Pinks
Dianthus gratianopolitanus
'Tiny Rubies'
- Bellflower
Campanula
- Viola
Viola
- Moonbeam
Coreopsis
Coreopsis verticillata
'Moonbeam'
- Creeping Phlox
Phlox subulata
- Evening Primrose
Oenothera
- Hardy Geranium
Geranium
- Russian Sage
Perovskia
- Bugle
Ajuga reptans
'Chocolate Chip'
- Blue Star Creeper
Pratia pedunculata
'County Park'
- Bush Cinquefoil
Potentilla fruticosa
- Coreopsis
Coreopsis
- Crinkle Creeper
Rubus calceonoides
- Crocosmia
Crocosmia x
crocosmiiflora
'Montbretia'
- Cone Flower
Echinacea paradoxa
- Spurge
Euphorbia myrsinites
- Spruge
Euphorbia myrsinites
'Efanthia'
- Lamb's Ear
Stachys byzantina
- Lavender
Lavandula
augustifolia
- Sedum
Sedum atlanticum
'Autumn Joy'
- Sedum
Sedum reflexum
'Angelina'
- Shasta Daisy
Chrysanthemum
maximum
- Coast Strawberry
Fragaria chiloensis
pacifica
- David viburnum
Viburnum davidii

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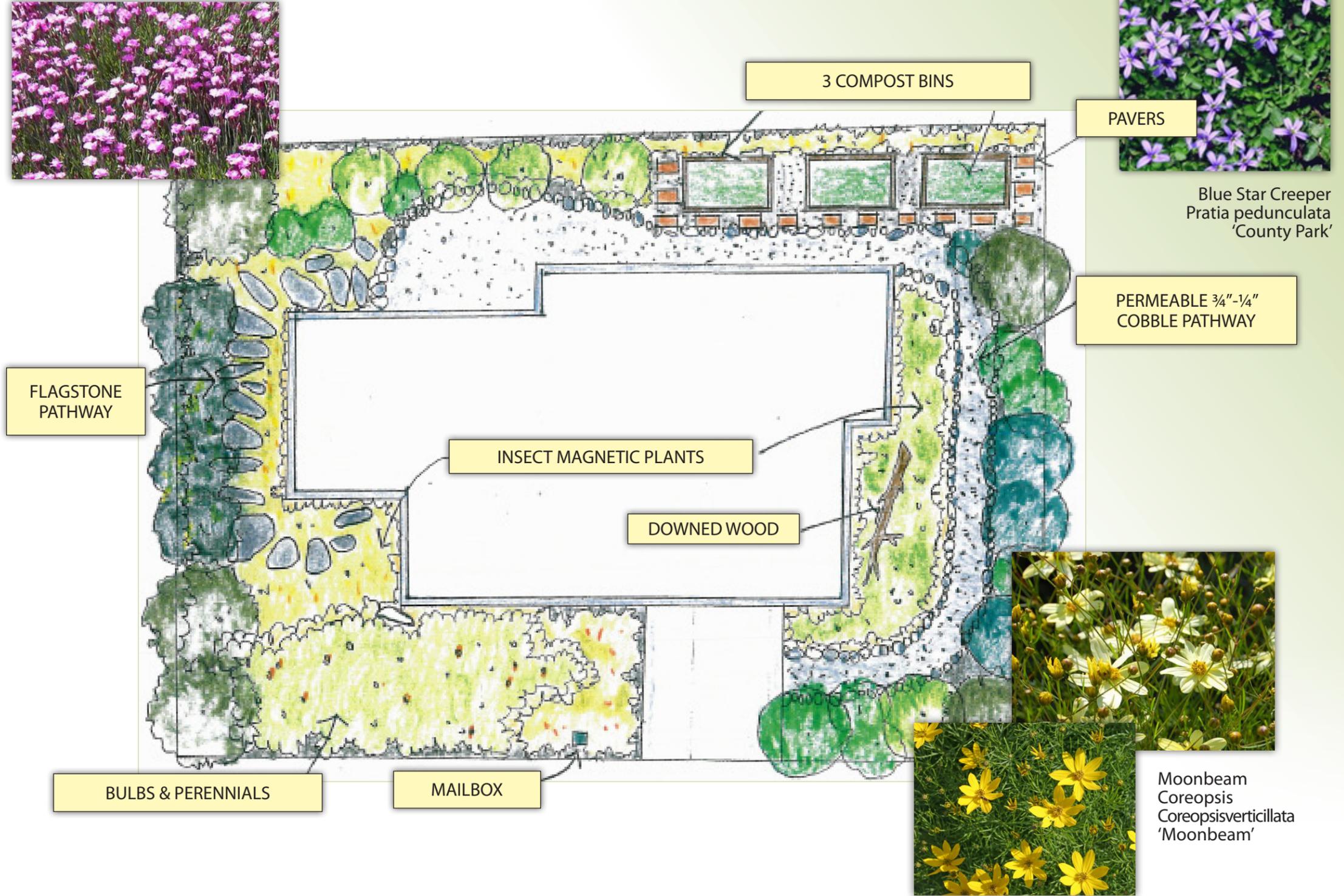
Beneficial Insects & Compost Demo

Pinks
Dianthus gratianopolitanus
'Tiny Rubies'



PAVERS

Blue Star Creeper
Pratia pedunculata
'County Park'



PERMEABLE 3/4"-1/4"
COBBLE PATHWAY

INSECT MAGNETIC PLANTS

DOWNED WOOD

FLAGSTONE
PATHWAY

BULBS & PERENNIALS

MAILBOX



Moonbeam
Coreopsis
Coreopsis verticillata
'Moonbeam'

NORTH