

Why Native?

Native benefits:

- Air, water, wildlife, economy, people

Saves Time & Money

- Reduced (or eliminates) need of:
 - fertilizers
 - pesticides
 - water
 - lawn maintenance

Easy way to get the whole family involved

- Great for all ages and gardening levels



DIY: Your Native Garden

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Make A Difference Where You Live



Step-By-Step Guide to Planting Native

1) Identify the space you have to work with

- sunny/shady, flat/sloped land, soil drainage

2) Decide how you plan to use the space

- entertainment, sanctuary, space for kids

3) Find the right native plants

- ask PlantButterflies, gardeners, check regional plant list, books, & online



4) Learn which plants grow best together

- educate yourself on native plants to create the idea garden for YOU!

5) Trees, shrubs, then plants

- planting order is important due to different sizing

6) Plant and have fun!



A rooftop garden on AU's campus



Possible Gardening Ideas:

- Potted plants
- Small personal garden
- Rooftop gardens
- Rain gardens
- Large landscape gardens



American University: Native Garden Examples

American University is officially known as a national arboretum and public garden.

AU makes a conscious effort to plant natively on our campus!

