

Why Do Native Bees Need Baths?

One of the essential requirements needed to sustain life is water. Bees (and other invertebrates) are no exception. Water is used by bees to digest food, maintaining temperatures in hives and of course, to drink.

How to Make a Bee Bath...

You will first need to gather the following items:

- ✓ A dish of some sort (any shallow container that is sealed around the underside will do)
- ✓ Some rocks and gravel
- ✓ Aquatic or water tolerable plants (optional)
- ✓ Wood/bark pieces (optional)
- ✓ Water

Method:

1. Arrange the rocks and gravel in your container, so that they just above the lip.
2. If you have plants, remove the soil from the roots of your plants and arrange them in between the rocks and gravel.
3. Add any pieces of wood/bark that you may have.
4. Fill your bee bath with water, until just the tips of the rocks/wood are showing.

Remember:

Bees (and other invertebrates) will be wanting a drink and not drown. It is important that there are enough landing places on rocks and logs for them to rest while they drink.



Bare rooted plants help to filter water by absorbing nutrients. This will help to keep the water clear and reduces the risk of any algae forming.

