



# Grow Wild for Pollinators & Reduce Your Greenhouse Gas Emissions



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## Decarbonize your landscape & provide habitat for native pollinators!

By adopting low-impact landscaping practices like converting from gas to electric lawn equipment and converting your lawn to a native pollinator habitat you will be helping combat climate change and supporting biodiversity.

Read on to learn about some benefits of these efforts and tips to get you started.



### Converting Lawns to Pollinator Habitat:

- Reduces fossil fuel use and emissions from mowing
- Reduces time spent mowing
- Increases resilience to stormwater run-off and flooding
- Increases food and habitat for native pollinators and wildlife
- Reduces the need for harmful fertilizers and pesticides
- Increases the aesthetic beauty of the landscape



### Converting from Gas to Electric Landscaping Equipment:

- Eliminates the use of fossil fuels and associated emissions
- Eliminates the need for gasoline and other harmful chemicals for equipment maintenance
- Lowers operating costs and time spent on engine maintenance
- Reduces noise levels
- Reduces irksome vibrations
- Improves ease of operation - equipment starts with the push of a button!



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## Know Before You Grow & Sustain While You Maintain

Below are some tips and resources to support you on your journey to decarbonize your landscape. This is a starter guide, be sure to check out the links at the bottom of this page to learn more.

### Tips for Pollinator Habitats

- Plant native avoid non-native
  - Native wildlife flourish with plants that naturally grow in your area.
- Signage is key
  - Let your neighbors know your landscape is intentional and not being neglected
- Mow once per year
  - Only in late fall after the first frost
- Pick a strategy that works for you
  - Creating native habitats can be as simple as leaving your lawn unmowed, or as elaborate as a designed garden.

Learn More  
Pollinators & The Growing Wild Movement



### Tips for Battery-Powered Landscaping Equipment

- Get extra batteries
  - Many models have swappable batteries so you can extend operating time. You can also use the same batteries for multiple types of equipment.
- Keep your batteries dry and clean
  - Charge and store batteries indoors to keep them properly working and extend their life.
- Take advantage of incentives!
  - Mass Save offers rebates for handheld equipment and mowers. See the links below!

Learn More  
Battery-Powered Landscape Equipment

#### Mass Save Rebates:

- [www.masssave.com/residential/rebates-and-incentives/appliances-and-products/lawnequipment](http://www.masssave.com/residential/rebates-and-incentives/appliances-and-products/lawnequipment)

#### Massachusetts Leading by Example:

- [www.mass.gov/info-details/sustainable-landscaping-at-state-facilities](http://www.mass.gov/info-details/sustainable-landscaping-at-state-facilities)

#### American Green Zone Alliance:

- [agza.net](http://agza.net)