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No Mow March Helps Native Pollinators

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For the month of March, the Hillsborough Tree Board is asking residents to do more by doing less! Please consider refraining from mowing to give native pollinators a good start this spring.

As a <u>Bee City USA</u>, the Town of Hillsborough looks for ways to encourage habitat development for native pollinators, including our many important species of bees. The start of the growing season is a critical time for native species as they emerge hungry and ready to forage for nectar and pollen. Even in suburban environments, nectar and pollen that can nourish our native pollinators can be hard to find.

By refraining from mowing in March and avoiding any applications of pesticide or herbicide, you help provide a stable nectar and pollen supply at this critical time.

Beyond March, the Tree Board encourages residents to consider reducing the frequency of mowing. Mowing less often reduces your lawn's need for water, encourages drought resistance in lawns, reduces emissions from gas powered lawn equipment and drastically improves our local biodiversity.

See the Tree Board page for more information about initiatives that support native plants and pollinators.



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