

June 2022

Barrington Pollinator Pathway



Welcome to all who are interested in growing the pollinator pathway in Barrington!

If you're looking for inspiration to get started, or to enhance your garden using native plants this spring, head down to the Barrington Farm School on Federal Rd. to view their pollinator garden. In 2021, volunteers Blaise Rein and Felipe Ferreras designed and planted this garden in an unused section of the Farm. Look at the results of just one growing season!

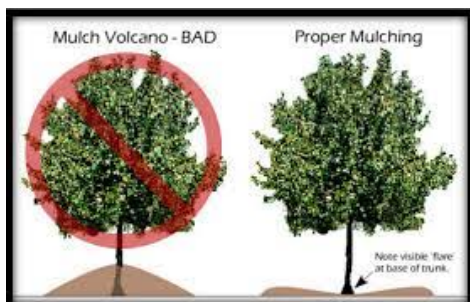
The pollinator garden's humble beginnings in April 2021, and the pollinator garden in late summer/early fall 2021.

Native asters, zinnias, native rudbeckias, native grasses, native agastache, california poppies, fennel, and heliopsis.



Question: What is the best material to use for mulch, and how much should I apply?

The best materials to use for mulch are plant based because in addition to weed suppression and moisture retention, they build soil as they degrade. Grass clippings, shredded leaves, and finely chopped wood chips all work. (Big wood chips take too long to break down).



One to three inches of mulch should be applied annually and it should be left alone to break down. Two things not to do with mulch are cover seeds you are trying to germinate or pile mulch up on the stems of plants – a practice called volcano mulching. This causes the plant to grow its roots into the mulch instead of the soils and can kill the plant.

If you're interested in learning more about mulch, its benefits and how it works, you can read or listen to this interview with gardener Margaret Roach, and Bill Fonteno from the U.S. Mulch and Soil Council.

<https://awaytogarden.com/how-mulch-works-and-how-to-use-it-with-bill-fonteno/>

Please share this newsletter with a friend or neighbor, and if you're not on the pollinator pathway map yet, please consider joining!

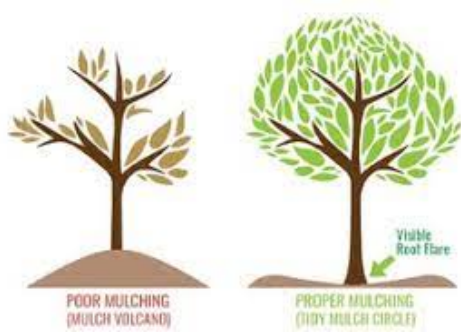
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You can reach us at education@blct.org.



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Upcoming Events:

RI Wild Plant Society Native Plant Sale

Saturday, June 4, 2022 9am-1pm

URI Botanical Gardens

Kingston, RI

<https://riwps.org>

The RI Wild Plant Society is a local organization that offers native plants, programs, events/activities and resources. If you can't make the sale

One project happened at the Barrington Farm School where two volunteers created a pollinator habit in an unused spot on the farm.



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Stay tuned for updates on local events. If there's something you'd like to see in the newsletter, or a project you'd like to discuss,

The Barrington Pollinator Pathway has made significant progress this year.

If you have questions about choosing the right natives for your space, check out the plant lists and resources on the NE Pollinator Pathway website: <https://www.pollinator-pathway.org>

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