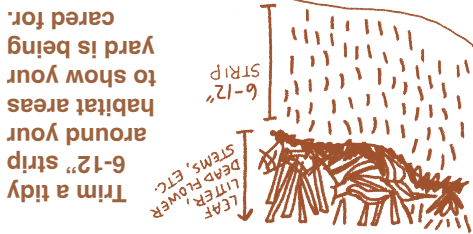




Avoid piling extra leaves onto garden beds and forest edges that could smother your native plants.

TIP #3: KEEP LEAF ACCUMULATION NATURAL



TIP #2: FOCUS ON NEAT EDGES

TIP #4: TAKE CARE OF YOUR TREES!



Add native plants and leave leaf debris around their root zones to recycle nutrients and protect their roots from mowers.

TIP #5: GROW MORE PLANTS FROM SEED

Increase genetic diversity by allowing plants to reseed on bare soil. Or, sow native seeds in pots outside over the winter.



Leave their shelter in place all year long!
Different insect species emerge from their nesting sites in stems, dead wood, leaf litter and rodent tunnels each month from spring to fall.

TIP #1: RESIST THE SPRING CLEAN

TIP #6: LEAVE DEAD FLOWER STALKS



Stem-nesting bees utilize the pithy or hollow stems of perennial flowering plants and grass to lay their eggs. Cut standing stems to 12-18" high and watch native bees emerge throughout the year.

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TIP #7: MAINTAIN DEAD BRUSH + WOOD PILES



A diverse number of insects utilize decomposing stumps, logs, and branches as food or nesting sites.

TIP #8: TRACK AND I.D. INSECT VISITORS



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