Providing a Home for Bees in Your Garden
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Häagen-Dazs Honey Bee Haven

Basic requirements: food, water, shelter.

**FOOD:** Design your garden to have year-round bloom.
- Use a mix of plant families. Good choices include the mint, sunflower, rose, buckthorn, figwort, and plantain families.
- Bees vary in size, flower color preference, and feeding styles. Accommodate this with flowers of varying shapes, sizes, and colors.
- Place several of the same plant together, rather than spreading them around the garden.

**WATER:** Honey bees need water! Provide a shallow birdbath with stones for perching.

**SHELTER:** Three types of shelter are needed:
- **Ground level**
  - Bare soil
  - Pavers set in sand
  - Rock crevices
  - Stumps and logs
- **Above ground**
  - Bee houses
  - Grasses
  - Redwood fence posts
- **Plant material**
  - Resin for propolis
  - Foliage for leafcutter bees

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