



PLANTING YOUR WILDFLOWERS

1 ADD SOIL TO EGG CARTON

Fill each egg pocket in the egg carton halfway with soil,

2 PLACE SEEDS IN YOUR SOIL

Take a pinch of seeds (no more than 3-5 seeds) and sprinkle them in each egg pocket over the soil. Make sure the seeds are spread out.

3 COVER SEEDS AND TOP WITH SOIL

Cover the seeds with soil to fill the egg pocket to the top. Then gently pat down the soil.

4 PLACE IN SUNNY AREA AND WATER

Water your entire carton once a day with 1/2 a cup of water. Your soil should be moist, be sure not to over water your plants.

5 SPROUTING FLOWERS

After your flowers start to sprout it is time to move them into the ground. You can cut out each pocket individually or place the whole carton in the ground and cover with soil.

WILDFLOWER SEED STARTER ACTIVITY

OBJECTIVE

In this activity you will create your own wildflower seed starter from a recycled egg carton.

SUPPLIES

- Paper Egg Carton
- Wildflower Seed Mix
- Soil
- Water

KEY QUESTIONS

- How will my wildflowers affect my local ecosystem?
- What types of insects will my wildflowers help the most?
- What other items can I reuse to help my environment?

WHAT IS A SEED STARTER?

A seed starter can be a pot or tray that is used to begin the sprouting of seeds indoors. Using a seed starter can help ensure your seed grows into a sprout and can be planted outdoors once it is strong enough. In this activity you will use a paper egg carton as your seed starter.

WHY DO WE REUSE EGG CARTONS?

Paper egg cartons are great seed starters because you can plant paper carton with the sprouts. Paper and cardboard products are biodegradable which means they will break down into the soil and help your flowers grow. Using the egg carton as a seed starter is also an easy way to reuse old waste and reduce what we have to put in the garbage!

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO REUSE?

Reuse is when we take items that are about to be thrown away and we use them again in different creative ways. Reuse is a great way to cut back on trash and protect our environment.

HOW DO WILDFLOWERS HELP OUR ENVIRONMENT?

- Improve soil
- Provide habitats for wildlife
- Attracts pollinators such as bees and other native insects
- Improve water quality