

Grow Don't Mow

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A guide to Grow Don't Mow, the easiest action there is help the wildlife on your doorstep.

Why?

Over 40% of all insects are in decline and your lawn can be a vital source of food and shelter for them. There are roughly 24 million gardens in the UK, making up an area bigger than all of the UK's nature reserves combined. By not cutting the grass you will allow flowers to grow, providing food for insects and bees. Keeping your grass long, even just leaving a few long patches around the edges will benefit all the insects that have laid eggs in your grass.

What do I need?

Nothing, simply lock away your lawn mower to save time and enjoy visits from bees, butterflies, hedgehogs and all sorts of wonderful wildlife, just by not cutting your grass!

When?

The best time is between April-September. You should wait until all of the flowers have gone before cutting your grass to have the biggest impact.



Get going and follow these simple steps:

Your challenge can be large or small, either turn a small patch or the whole garden wild – it is up to you!

Step 1: Leave your grass to grow

Step 2: Watch your garden transform and brim with wildlife

Step 3: Tell your neighbours all about it!

Download our free signs to inspire others to follow your lead and help to feed our bees.

What's next?

When you're ready to cut the grass, why not keep your grass cuttings to make a winter hideaway for frogs, hedgehogs and all the insects that will be the natural pest controllers in your garden next year.

Step 1: Once you decide to make the cut, leave the cuttings to dry out for a few days

Step 2: Have some fun shaking the seeds out ready to sow for next year

Step 3: Get some woody cuttings from your shrubs ready to make a hibernation sandwich with your grass cuttings

Step 4: Next find a nice spot, layer the grass cuttings up with the woody shrub cuttings and keep doing this until you get a big pile of natural insect habitat

Step 5: Get ready to start Grow Don't Mow all over again!

If a habitat pile isn't your thing but you don't want to just throw away the grass cuttings, you could try using them to make your own compost instead. Find out more [here](#).

