

HIGHLIGHTS

- Emory is the first university in the nation to [ban the use of neonicotinoid pesticides](#) and the purchase of plants pre-treated with neonicotinoids.
- Through pollinator protection policy, education, and action, Emory models best practices for species biodiversity protection and food system security.

Concerned about the plight of bees and other pollinators, which are essential for two-thirds of the food crops we eat every day, Emory University developed a comprehensive [Pollinator Protection Commitment in 2014](#).

BENEFITS

Emory does not purchase plants that are pre-treated with neonicotinoids and by making this purchasing choice is contributing to a larger movement working to change the landscaping industry.

As a result of removing invasive species on campus and planting pollinator-attractive species, we're able to increase biodiversity by incorporating a wide variety of healthy plant species.

Adding pollinator habitats along our campus creeks and streams also enhances water quality and mitigates stormwater runoff by slowing and filtering the water before it reaches the streams.

HOW IT WORKS

Emory University adopted a comprehensive [Pollinator Protection Policy](#) that...

- Eliminates neonicotinoid use on campus grounds
- Purchase plants for campus landscaping that have not been pre-treated with neonicotinoids to the extent feasible
- Specifies in contracts with vendors and campus construction standards not to use neonicotinoid insecticides or plants pre-treated with neonicotinoids
- Ensures substitutes for neonicotinoids are safe for pollinators
- Plants pollinator-friendly habitats on campus
- Conducts campus outreach and education

READ MORE ON THE WORK DONE AT EMORY

- [AASHE Case Study](#) on Emory's Pollinator Protection Program
- Emory news article on Dr. Brosi's study on the [impact of removing bee species from ecosystems](#)
- Dr. Brosi's [AJC op-ed](#) on the importance of protecting pollinators

LEARN MORE

Discover the importance of pollinator protection:

- [UN IPBES report](#) on pollinators, pollination, and the food system

- Buyers Bee-ware [report by Friends of the Earth](#) on the problem with selling pollinator-attractive plants pre-treated with neonicotinoids and a guide for protecting pollinators
- Pesticide Research Institute's platform for [finding safe alternatives to pesticides](#) and advice on protecting pollinators
- Emory University [blog on the top 10 pollinator policy recommendations](#)
- Xerces Society's [pollinator conservation resource center](#), based on geographical region
- [Bee City](#) Atlanta Resolution
- Friends of the Earth's [Bee-Friendly Retailer Scorecard](#) ranked 25 major US grocery stores to compare their pollinator protection methods

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