

CREATING A BEE WATERER FROM UPCYCLED ITEMS

SOURCES OF UPCYCLED ITEMS

- Thrift Stores
- Garage Sales
- Estate Sales
- Secondhand shops at county landfill
- Habitat for Humanity Stores
- Friends/Family/Neighbors
- Swap Meets

Remember to think outside of the box when searching for items to upcycle. Instead, think about the function of the items you select. Will it be a good base? Will it hold water? Is the item damaged and not capable of being functional? Are the materials water-proof?

REASONS FOR ROCKS IN a Bee Waterer

- Provides landing platforms for the bees
- Brings the bees in close contact of the water without drowning
- Deters birds from taking baths and making the water dirty
- Inexpensive and rugged platform for bees

SELECTING a LOCATION FOR THE Bee Waterer

- Away from any entrance to a frequently used building such as house, chicken coop, or garden shed
- In an area where it won't be knocked over pets (such as dogs)
- On a level area to reduce the likelihood of it tipping over

- Avoid areas directly under trees or large shrubs as this will help keep leaves and flowers out of the waterer
- If you live in areas where freezes happen, place in a location where it will receive sunlight (to help melt ice... this is very important during early spring)

Remember, you don't have to be a beekeeper in order to have a bee waterer in your garden or backyard. There are feral bee colonies that do not live in man-made hives. They will seek out water sources.

