

Build an Insect Hotel

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Build a Bug Hotel

- Raise awareness
- Create a micro habitat within your habitat
- Opportunity for conservation action and community engagement
- Does not have to be expensive—bugs love a cheap hotel!



Bug Hotel Basics

Place in a bug-friendly area



GM Kokomo/ WHC Insect Hotel Challenge, 2018

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- Use non-treated lumber
- Use only locally-sourced materials



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Waste Management, Guadalupe Landfill/ WHC Insect Hotel Challenge, 2018

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- Think about “a bug’s perspective”



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- Remember to provide “year-round hospitality”



Homes for solitary nesting bees



Winne Palmer Nature Center/ WHC Bug Hotel Challenge 2018

Native bee resources

Bee Basics: An Introduction to Native Bees [↗](#)

Nests for Native Bees Fact Sheet [↗](#)

Native Bees of North America Check List [↗](#)

Turn invasive plants into bee homes [↗](#)

Search terms: native bees, solitary nesting bees, bumble bee, bee nesting structures, bee blocks, bee tubes





Create cozy bug hideaways

bricks, tiles | bark, sticks, reeds | dry straw
pine cones and sweet gum balls | clay, soil
moss | old pots | lumber scraps and log pieces

Connect to Citizen Science

Bumble Bee Watch [↗](#)

Cricket Crawl [↗](#)

Lost Ladybug Project [↗](#)

Firefly Watch Project [↗](#)



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Thank you

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