USE PESTICIDES RESPONSIBLY

Your garden is a refuge for pollinators and other beneficial insects. But sometimes you may need to use a pesticide. How do you control pests without endangering the pollinators you are attracting?

Don’t spray plants in bloom
Pesticides may be toxic to bees and other pollinators.

Know your pest
You can carefully time pest control so that you get the “bad guys” when they are most vulnerable.

Leave an escape route
If you are careful to spray only those plants that need it, pollinators can retreat to other plants.

Pick your poison
When you need to use a pesticide, go for the least toxic option that will get the job done right. Choose a low-residual pesticide so that beneficial bugs can move back in quickly.

WHAT’S THE BUZZ ABOUT?
Here’s the latest pest management “hot topic”

The NYS Integrated Pest Management program offers a list of pests and how and when to control them at nysipm.cornell.edu/whats-bugging-you

Pesticides are not just insecticides!
A pesticide is something that kills a “pest” and any type may be toxic to bees and other pollinators. This includes fungicides, herbicides and miticides.