

Kent Wildlife Trust

Five top tips for gardening for climate change.

Gardens make up 5% of UK land.

Nature is our greatest ally in the struggle with the climate emergency. It can help us

- To build resilience to extreme weather events
- Reduce carbon footprint
- Reverse loss of biodiversity.

Tip One: NO POISONS (please dispose of poisons responsibly).

- Insects pollinate  $\frac{3}{4}$  of crops grown by people across the world
- Removing poisons from your garden helps to build up a food web

For further information visit <https://www.pan.org/pesticide-free/>

Tip Two: Have flowers all year round.

Tip Three: Allow grass to grow longer – stays green, keeps cooler, stores carbon, provides habitat, saves fuel.

Tip Four: Grow trees and shrubs in hedges to protect against wind, provide shade and to provide habitat.

Tip Five: Include water in the garden because all living creatures need water.

**<https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/wilder-gardens>**

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