

Bernards Township Parks & Recreation
and Back to Nature Present...

Our Second Annual

THROW & GROW

Re-Seed the Environment
for Butterflies, Bees and Birds

Help us build the seed balls and then plant them in the park!



Join Us for the Throw & Grow Event!

Friday, May 27th at 11AM

Pleasant Valley Park, Basking Ridge

Meet in the First Parking Lot on the Left (Pool Lot)

BUT FIRST - Help Us Build the Seed Balls!
at Back to Nature, 3055 Valley Road, Basking Ridge

Anytime during our regular business hours:

Monday through Saturday from 9am-6pm

and Sunday from 10am-4pm.

Call 908-350-7506 for more information.

Back
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Nature

Back to Nature's *Throw and Grow Campaign* is a fun way to help re-seed the local environment with important native plants beneficial to bees, butterflies and birds. Using seed balls made at Back to Nature, residents learn more about the threat to important pollinators and the loss of native plant species while creating a beneficial solution!



What is a seed ball?

A seed ball is a marble sized ball made of clay, earth, compost, and native flower seeds.

The ingredients are mixed together to form a small ball.

Just right for throwing!



What do you do with a seed ball?

You THROW them and then they GROW! Throwing seed balls is similar to how birds spread seeds naturally. Once thrown, seed balls will set and germinate, growing into beneficial, native plants. Using native plant seed balls is a great way to re-seed the landscape while teaching kids the importance of native plants and the environment.



Beneficial Friends at Risk

Most people are aware of the challenges facing honey bees due to hive collapse caused by the use of pesticides and other chemicals. The Monarch Butterfly population is also in serious decline. This is due to the loss of their primary food source, native milkweed due to the use of herbicides. Birds, while not specifically at risk, are also important pollinators and face challenges due to loss of native food sources and habitat.