

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

Throw & Grow Campaign

Re-Seed the Environment for Butterflies, Bees and Birds



Join Us for the Throw & Grow Event!

April 25th at 10 am

Pleasant Valley Park, Basking Ridge

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

Help Us Build the Seed Balls!

at Back to Nature, 3055 Valley Road, Basking Ridge

Select dates in April

Call 908-350-7506 for more information.



After the Throw Pick Up a FREE Tree!

The Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission will be giving away FREE trees to Bernards Township Residents on April 25th from 10am – 2pm at Pleasant Valley Park (at the pool parking lot). Supplies are limited. Come early, the trees may not last until 2PM!

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.