

# HOW TO BE A FRIEND

## TO FIREFLIES

### REDUCE LIGHT POLLUTION

#### TURN OFF OUTDOOR LIGHTS

Lights at night can confuse and disturb fireflies. Turn off any unnecessary outdoor lights.

#### USE MOTION SENSORS

If you need outdoor lighting, consider using motion sensors so lights are on only when needed.

#### INSTALL SHIELDED FIXTURES

Use fixtures that direct light downward and prevent it from spreading into the night sky.

#### CONTAIN INDOOR LIGHTING

Close curtains and blinds to prevent indoor light from impacting the outside.

### SMART GRASS CUTTING

#### CUT GRASS LESS FREQUENTLY

Allow some parts of your lawn to grow longer. Fireflies thrive in taller grass where they can find moisture and shelter.

#### LEAVE THE LEAVES

Fireflies lay eggs in moist soil and leaf litter. Let leaves accumulate in certain areas to provide breeding grounds.

#### CREATE A NATURAL AREA

Dedicate a portion of your yard to remain unmowed and natural. This creates a perfect habitat for fireflies.

### AVOID PESTICIDES

#### USE NATURAL PEST CONTROL

Opt for natural pest control methods instead of chemical pesticides. Fireflies are very sensitive to chemicals.

#### CREATE A HEALTHY ECOSYSTEM

Encourage natural predators like birds and beneficial insects to control pests.

#### READ LABELS CAREFULLY

If you must use pesticides, choose those labeled as safe for beneficial insects and use sparingly.

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