

## Native Wildflower Garden

Right along Birch Street outside Glendale City Hall, you'll find our new Colorado native wildflower garden. City staff planted it with the help of the [Garden In A Box](#) program through [Resource Central](#), a great local resource for creating pollinator-friendly, drought-resistant landscapes. This garden is not just beautiful—it's a demonstration of how sustainable landscaping can thrive in our semi-arid climate and recent droughts.



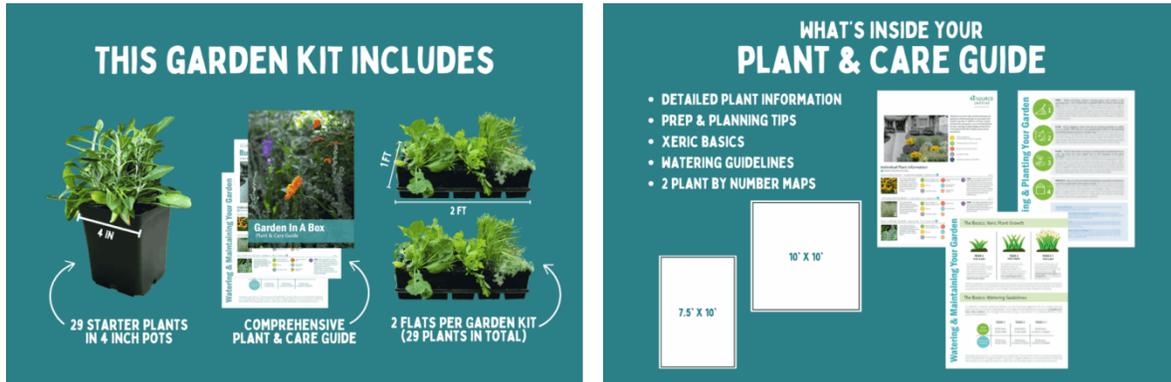
In the garden, you'll see a variety of Colorado native wildflowers, including Bigelow's Tansyaster, Blue Flax, Blue Pitcher Sage, Pearly Everlasting, Rabbitbrush, Rigid Goldenrod, Rocky Mountain Gayfeather, Rocky Mountain Penstemon, and Showy Fleabane. These plants are specially adapted to our region, so they thrive with minimal watering and create a habitat that supports local pollinators like bees and butterflies.

Traditional grass lawns for homes, local businesses, and multifamily properties can use up to 55% of a property's total water during the growing season. Native plants, on the other hand, rely on natural rainfall and have deep roots that help water soak into the soil, recharge aquifers, and naturally filter pollutants. By planting native species, you're not just saving water, you're improving soil health, supporting pollinators, and creating a resilient landscape that can withstand Colorado's dry spells.

Pollinators are especially important—they help pollinate roughly one in every three bites of food we eat. By planting native wildflowers, we're giving these essential insects a place to feed, rest, and reproduce, which benefits both our environment and our community.

One of the easiest ways to bring native landscaping to your own property is with [Garden In A Box](#). You simply pick a box based on sunlight conditions—full sun, partial sun, or adaptable—and the size you need for your space. Each kit comes with a plant-by-number

map and easy to follow instructions, so anyone can transform a lawn into a beautiful, drought-resistant, pollinator-friendly oasis. They even have vegetable garden options!



Glendale's native wildflower garden shows how small changes can make a big difference. Whether you're managing a commercial property, an HOA, or a multifamily community space, native plants are a simple, effective way to conserve water, support pollinators, and create a vibrant landscape that's uniquely Colorado. Stop by City Hall and see the garden in action—you might even get some ideas for your own space!