

# Mason and Leafcutter Bee Supplies

## Getting Started:

- M L  Bee house, with hardware and tools to mount
- M  8mm tubes or wooden trays ( $\geq 1$  per mason bee cocoon)
- L  6mm tubes or wooden trays ( $\geq 1$  per leafcutter bee cocoon)
- M  Clayey mud nearby (<300 feet away) for mason bees
- L  Preferred leaves (rose, lilac, hosta, dahlia, peas, beans, strawberries) nearby (<300 feet away) for leafcutter bees
- M L  Open blooms nearby (<300 feet away)
- M  Access to a refrigerator (mason bees only!)
- M L  Mason and leafcutter bee cocoons!

## Storage (Summer for Mason Bees, Fall and Winter for Leafcutter Bees):

- M L  Fine-mesh bag for nesting materials
- M L  Access to unconditioned and unheated shed or garage

## Harvesting:

- M L  Gauge stick
- M L  Scissors for cardboard tubes (optional)
- M L  Butter knife for reeds (optional)
- M L  Cleaning brush for wooden trays
- M  Flat-head screwdriver or cocoon removal tool
- L  Phillips-head screwdriver, popsicle stick or cocoon removal tool
- M L  Pan or newspaper to catch cocoons

## Cleaning (Mason Bees Only!)

- M  Colander/strainer
- M  Lukewarm water
- M  Bleach (optional)
- M  Sand (optional)
- M  Winter storage container
- M  Access to a refrigerator

## Incubating (Leafcutter Bees Only)

- L  Fine-mesh bag
- L  Access to warm ( $\sim 70-80^{\circ}\text{F}$ ), dark place, like a water heater room

# Mason Bee Supplies

## Getting Started:

- Bee house, with hardware and tools to mount
- Nesting materials (8mm tubes or wooden trays,  $\geq 1$  for each cocoon)
- Clayey mud nearby (<300 feet away) for nest building
- Open blooms nearby (<300 feet away)
- Access to a refrigerator
- Mason bee cocoons!

## Summer Storage:

- Fine-mesh bag for nesting materials
- Access to unconditioned and unheated shed or garage

## Harvesting:

- Gauge stick
- Scissors for cardboard tubes (optional)
- Butter knife for reeds (optional)
- Cleaning brush for wooden trays
- Flat-head screwdriver or cocoon removal tool
- Pan or newspaper to catch cocoons

## Cleaning:

- Colander/strainer
- Lukewarm water
- Bleach (optional)
- Sand (optional)
- Winter storage container
- Access to a refrigerator

# Leafcutter Bee Supplies

## Getting Started:

- Bee house, with hardware and tools to mount
- Nesting materials (6mm tubes or wooden trays,  $\geq 1$  for each cocoon)
- Preferred leaves nearby (<300 feet away)  
(such as rose, lilac, hosta, dahlia, peas, beans, strawberries)
- Open blooms nearby (<300 feet away)
- Leafcutter bee cocoons!

## Fall and Winter Storage:

- Fine-mesh bag
- Access to unconditioned and unheated shed or garage

## Harvesting:

- Gauge stick
- Scissors for cardboard tubes (optional)
- Butter knife for reeds (optional)
- Cleaning brush for wooden trays
- Phillips-head screwdriver, popsicle stick or cocoon removal tool
- Pan or newspaper to catch cocoons

## Incubating:

- Fine-mesh bag
- Access to warm (~70-80°F), dark place, like a water heater room