# **How to Create Habitat for Stem-nesting Bees**



### **WINTER**

Leave dead flower stalks in-tact over the winter.

#### **SPRING**

Cut back dead flower stalks leaving stem stubble of varying height, 8 to 24 inches, to provide nest cavities.



Female bees find cut or naturally-occurring open stems, start a nest, then lay an egg on the pollen balls.

Larvae eat the pollen.



# **SUMMER**

New growth of the perennial hides the stem stubble.



Bee larvae develop in cut dead stems during the growing season.







## WINTER



Bees hibernate in stems during the winter.



#### **SPRING**



Adult bees emerge and start nests in newly cut dead stems or in naturallyoccurring open stems.

