

Take the Magic Home

OUR BEE WATERING STATION

Your child made a bee watering station after visiting **Elderidge Hollow**, where we learned that courage and kindness can begin by noticing when someone—or even a tiny creature—needs help.

Family job: Help your child choose a safe outdoor spot, plant the watering station securely, and keep the little bottle-cap watering dishes clean and filled with fresh, shallow water.

1. Find a good home for it

With an adult, place the dowel securely in the ground **near flowers or other bee-friendly plants**. Choose a spot where the family can easily see and care for it. Make sure the stick is stable and will not become a trip hazard.

2. Keep the landing pads safe

Each bottle cap should stick out from the dowel like a tiny landing pad, with the open side facing up. Keep a **small pebble in each cap** so a bee has a dry place to land while drinking.

3. Add only a little water

Add a **shallow amount of fresh water** to each bottle cap. The pebble should remain partly above the water. There is no need to fill the caps to the top.

4. Check it often

Water can evaporate quickly. Check the station regularly and add fresh water when needed. This is a wonderful job for children to do with a family member.

5. Keep it clean

Rinse and clean the bottle caps regularly and replace old or dirty water. Adult supervision is recommended when children care for the station outdoors.

Elderidge Hollow Kindness Challenge

Watch quietly for visitors. If a bee stops for a drink, celebrate from a safe distance! Talk together about other small ways your family can help living things in your neighborhood.

Thank you for helping us keep the magic—and the kindness—going at home!