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Helping hedgehogs in your garden

Supporting hedgehogs – hedgehog friendly gardens

- Drill some holes in your fence at ground level (13x13cm) and encourage your neighbours to do the same: Create a safe **Hedgehog Highway**
- Keep a part of your garden **wild**, where hedgehogs can find shelter and food (beetles, caterpillars, earthworms)
- Offer a **log pile** or pile of branches; don't clear away all dead leaves - hedgehogs need them for nesting
- Put some **water** out during hot and dry weather (in a shallow dish)

Protecting hedgehogs – safety in your garden

- Hedgehogs like to hide in **long grass**, **piles of leaves**, and **compost heaps**. Check for hedgehogs before using a **mower, strimmer, hedge cutter or a garden fork** in your compost heap
- Check your **bonfire** before you light it. Or use a proper incinerator
- Raise any **netting** one foot above the ground, including football goals
- Cover all **drains** and secure light wells, so that hedgehogs can't fall in
- Hedgehogs can fall into ponds. Provide a ramp or slope to allow them to climb out. Keep your pond topped up (less risk for them to topple in). Offer some water nearby, so they are not tempted to drink from the pond.
- Avoid using **slug pellets, rat poison, weedkiller and insecticide**, which are all very damaging to hedgehogs
- Keep **oils and chemicals, such as paint and wood preserver** out of reach. Hedgehogs love to lick things they shouldn't eat
- **Remove litter** and builder's rubbish promptly. It can trap and injure hedgehogs! Be especially careful with **bin bags** at ground level. Hedgehogs will nest in them and then get thrown out with your rubbish
- Don't shut a **shed door** without checking for wildlife first. If you dismantle a shed, do it in October when the hoglets have left the nest
- If you feed hedgehogs: **No milk, no bread, no human food**. Cat or dog food.

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