

# Make a Hedgehog Friendly Garden!

Make your garden 'hedgehog friendly' by following these top tips:

## 1. Make sure hedgehogs can find your garden:

- Cut a 13cm hole (about the size of a CD case) in your fence – some fencing companies are beginning to offer hedgehog highway gravel boards  
–or–
- Remove walls or fencing and plant a native hedge

## 2. Make sure any ponds in the garden have an escape route for hedgehogs:

- Use a gentle sloping gravel area  
–or–
- Add a ramp along one edge

## 3. Leave at least one part of the garden to grow 'wild' to encourage insects in support of the hedgehog's habitat and food supply:

- Leave the grass longer (ALWAYS check long grass before mowing or strimming as a hedgehog will not run away from the noise)
- Make a log pile
- Plant native friendly hedging, and ensure good ground cover – take a look at [Best4Hedging](#) for ideas
- Brambles and nettles are also good cover

## 4. Don't use pesticides:

- Stop using slug pellets and chemicals – there are plenty of alternative natural products safe for hedgehogs and other wildlife

## 5. Remove hazards:

- Lift any netting a good foot (30cm) off the ground at night
- Cover drains and holes
- Keep dogs on leads in the garden after dark to prevent accidents
- Only site a bonfire just before lighting
- Make sure they can climb out of anywhere they may fall into – use some bricks or stones or make a wooden ramp (or block this area off completely)

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