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"No Mow May" enjoyed wide participation among Oshkosh residents
The city of Oshkosh thanks those who participated

OSHKOSH, Wis., June 1, 2022 – No Mow May, the conservation initiative that invited residents to stop mowing or mow less often during the month of May, has concluded for 2022. Over 600 properties in Oshkosh participated. Those participants who displayed yard signs indicating their participation in the program are encouraged to not dispose of their signs, but rather to keep them for next year or to return them to the Community Development Department at City Hall, 215 Church Avenue.

No Mow May enhances early season forage for native pollinators by reducing local mowing intensity during a month when foraging resources are limited. This is particularly important in urban areas where floral resources are often minimal. There are steps that residents can take after the month of May to continue to practice environmentally-friendly techniques. They can mulch grass clippings into their lawn, mow every other week, or water their lawn only when necessary. Reduce or eliminate the use of herbicides and pesticides. Plant native flowers and trees, they provide the best natural habitat for pollinators.

For residents who are mowing for the first time this season, some recommendations for a successful transition: select a day when the grass is dry and ensure the mowing blade is sharp. Use a weed whip or string trimmer for tall grass that may be difficult for a traditional mower. Reduce the height of grass incrementally rather than reducing the cut height in one session. Adjust your mower's deck to the highest setting the first time cutting.

With the conclusion of the No Mow May program, properties are subject to regular penalties for long grasses or weeds that violate city code. For more information about No Mow May, please contact the Oshkosh Community Development Department at (920) 236-5055.

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