

# Create a deadwood pile for beetles



Beetles, spiders and other insects use piles of dead, damp and rotten wood as a place to shelter and feed. Dead wood is not a common sight in the countryside anymore, as it gets cleared away to make woodlands look tidier. This means that beetles and other insects lose this important habitat.



## How to make it:



Pile up the deadwood and different sized logs in a cool, shady part of your garden.



Add bark and leaves to the pile of wood. These will also attract hibernating toads and hedgehogs to the pile.



Leave the pile to rot naturally, creating perfect conditions for many different insects.

Add a new log each year, as the old ones decay.

## You will need:

- Logs, twigs and sticks
- Bark
- Dead leaves

