**Do More Prairiewise**

**Prairies are YOUR heritage!**

**Why prairies?**

* A prairie can be any size; a pocket prairie…a meadow…a ranch
* Less water, less work, **MORE LIFE**!

**Steps for planting a prairie garden or restoring a prairie**

* Prepare site
  + Eradicate weeds or non-natives as much as possible; avoid herbicides
  + Expose soil by close mowing (scalping) or

burning if allowed

* Broadcast appropriate seed mixes by hand
* Establish seed to soil contact by walking, using a roller, or dragging a chain
* Wait for rain to germinate seeds; urban prairies can be irrigated
* Control weeds…and then **ENJOY**

**Regional Native Seed Sources**

**Bamert Seed Company**. <https://bamertseed.com/>

**Douglas King Seeds**. <https://www.dkseeds.com/>

**Turner Seed.** <https://www.turnerseed.com/>

**James E. 'Bud' Smith Plant Materials Center.** <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/plantmaterials/pmc/central/txpmc/>

**Native American Seed.** <https://www.seedsource.com/>

**Texas Native Seeds Program.** <https://www.ckwri.tamuk.edu/research-programs/texas-native-seeds-programs-tns>

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**LBJ Wildflower Center.** Plant a Wildflower Meadow. <https://www.wildflower.org/learn/plant-wildflower-meadow>

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