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## CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF HUMMINGBIRD FEEDERS



Providing hummingbird nectar to hummingbirds in feeders like these are a way to attract hummingbirds visiting flowering plants in your garden

There are very simple rules about the care and maintenance of feeders:

### KEEP THEM CLEAN!



This brand of feeder has 3 parts, easy to assemble

**CLEANING FEEDERS:** Use brushes with NO SOAP  
(NEVER use any cleaner that can absorb into the feeder – like bleach)

After 3 Days: Even if there is nectar in the feeder, after 3 days clean and start over with fresh, refrigerated sugar water (nectar)

**Sugar water develops black mold (if out too long) that makes hummingbirds sick**

### HOW TO MAKE HUMMINGBIRD NECTAR:

1 Part Sugar  
4 Parts Water

Bring water to a boil, or hot enough to melt sugar. Stir until dissolved

Keep unused sugar water REFRIGERATED in glass jar. It should last up to 2 weeks