



## Alabama Outdoor Classroom Program

# Butterfly Garden Spring Maintenance Checklist

Below are the supplies/tools needed to complete each maintenance task along with an estimated cost, an estimated amount of time needed to accomplish each task, and the frequency each task should be done.

Task Description	Supplies/Tools Needed	Estimated Cost	Est. Time Needed	Frequency of Task
<b>WEEKLY SPRING MAINTENANCE TIPS</b>				
Water plants after they have emerged from dormancy.	n/a	n/a	15 minutes	Twice per week
Pull weeds and clean out garden.	n/a	n/a	15 min	Once
Fill the puddling stations. (March-May)	1:4 Sugar water	\$5	5 min	Once
<b>JANUARY</b>				
Clean up from the winter. Remove old seed heads and dead plants.	n/a	n/a	30 min	Once
Review AWF grant info to improve the habitat, add educational signage or create activity kits.	AWF Website	n/a	3-4 hours	Once
<b>FEBRUARY</b>				
Prune woody shrubs/bushes if necessary. Do not prune spring blooming plants such as camellias which may have buds.	Gloves and Pruners	n/a	1 hour	Once
If replanting seeds from last fall or starting new ones, now is the time to plant in trays inside.	Seeds, Soil & Containers	\$10	1 hour	Once
<b>MARCH</b>				
Apply Preen Weed Preventer Plus Plant Food.	Fertilizer	\$15	15 min	Once
Add 2" of mulch as a weed barrier if needed.	Mulch	\$2 per bag	1 hour	Once
<b>APRIL</b>				
Look for caterpillars and chrysalises on host plants. Optional: Report your findings on Journey North's website	n/a	n/a	30 minutes	Once or twice per week
Plant new annuals and/or replace dead perennials.	Hand Spade and Plants	Plant Costs Vary	30 min - 1 hour	Once
Prune the spring flowering bushes immediately after they finish blooming.	Handheld Pruners	n/a	1 hour	Once
<b>MAY</b>				
Update your garden's Plant ID Map and plant descriptions for the sensory garden.	Your Garden's Plant ID Map	n/a	1 hour	Once
Work with the planning committee to create a summer watering schedule for all of the gardens.	n/a	n/a	30 min	Once