



# Alabama Outdoor Classroom Program

## Frog and Toad Habitat Fall 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 FALL MAINTENANCE TIPS</b>				
Pull weeds, litter and general clean out of the habitat.	Hand Shovel and Gloves	n/a	5-10 minutes	Once per week
Keep the bog watered. Never let the bog soil become completely dry.	Soaker Hose or Garden hose	n/a	10-30 minutes	Once per week
Keep the pond water level at 6-8" deep. Add water if it gets low.	Garden Hose	n/a	10-30 minutes	Once per week
<b>AUGUST</b>				
Update your Frog and Toad Habitat Plant ID Map if needed. Contact your OC Consultant or Master Gardeners for ID assistance.	Your Sensory Garden Plant ID Map	n/a	Up to 1 hour	Once
Remove diseased/damaged plants. Contact your local ACES Extension office for advice.	Pruners	n/a	30 minutes	Once
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				
Leave seed heads on dying or dead plants as food for birds.	n/a	n/a	n/a	Once
Check paint/sealer on items such as plant ID signs. Touch up if needed.	Paint and/or Sealer	\$5-10	1 hour	Once
<b>OCTOBER</b>				
Divide and share bog and pond plants if overgrown.	Hand Spade or Small Shovel	n/a	30 min - 1 hour	Once
Replace dead perennials if needed.	Hand Spade, Small Shovel	Plant costs Vary	1 hour	Once
Water any new bog plants for 4-6 weeks to help them be successful.	Garden hose	n/a	20 min	Twice per week
<b>NOVEMBER</b>				
Collect remaining seed heads for spring planting.	n/a	n/a	15 min	Once
Remove dead plant material after the first killing frost, trim back plants to 2" above soil to prepare for mulching.	Gloves	n/a	30 min - 1 hour	Once
Add newspaper as a weed barrier around bog plants & lay mulch on top to help protect plants in winter.	Mulch and Newspaper	\$2 per cu. ft. bag	30 min - 1 hour	Once