



## Alabama Outdoor Classroom Program Pollinator Garden 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>				
Deadhead annual flowers to encourage further blooming, but leave plant stems as they are used as egging laying tubes by some pollinators.	n/a	n/a	15-30 min	Once per week
Pull weeds and clean out the garden.	Gloves	n/a	15-30 min	Once
Water as needed. If it hasn't rained, water to a depth of approximately 2" twice per week.	Garden Hose	n/a	15-30 min	Twice
Keep hummingbird feeder(s) clean and filled.	1:4 Sugar water	\$5	15 min	Twice
<b>AUGUST</b>				
Update your Pollinator Garden Plant ID Map if needed. Contact your OC Consultant or Master Gardeners for ID assistance.	Your Pollinator Garden Plant ID Map	n/a	Up to 1 hour	Once
Remove diseased/damaged plants. Contact your local ACES Extension office for advice.	Gloves & Pruners	n/a	30 min	Once
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				
Watch for increasing numbers of hummingbirds. Report sightings on Journey North's website.	n/a	n/a	15 minutes	Twice per week
Leave seed heads on dying or dead plants as food for birds. Ex. Black-eyed Susans and Coneflower	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 perennials plants if overgrown, and replace dead perennials if needed.	Hand Spade or Small Shovel	Plant costs Vary	30 min - 1 hour	Once
Add newspaper as a weed barrier around plants & lay mulch on top to help protect plants in winter.	Mulch and Newspaper	\$2 per cu. ft. bag	30 min - 1 hour	Once
<b>NOVEMBER</b>				
Collect remaining seed heads for spring planting.	n/a	n/a	15 min	Once
Remove dead plant material after the first frost.	Gloves	n/a	30 min	Once
<b>DECEMBER</b>				
Update the Garden Plant ID Map if needed.	Plant ID Map	n/a	15 min	Once