



Alabama Outdoor Classroom Program

Pollinator 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
WEEKLY SPRING MAINTENANCE TIPS				
Water plants after they have emerged from dormancy or after planting.	n/a	n/a	15 minutes	Twice per week
Pull weeds and clean out garden.	n/a	n/a	15 min	Once
Fill and Clean Hummingbird Feeders. (March-May)	1:4 Sugar water	\$5	10 min	Once
JANUARY				
Clean up from the winter. Remove old seed heads and dead plants.	n/a	n/a	30 minutes	Once per month
Review AWF grant info to improve the habitat, add educational signage or create activity kits.	AWF Website	n/a	3-4 hours	Once
FEBRUARY				
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
MARCH				
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
Put hummingbird feeders back up in garden. Report hummingbird sightings on Journey North's website.	1:4 Sugar water	\$5	30 min	Once
APRIL				
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
MAY				
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