



Alabama Outdoor Classroom Program

Sensory 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
WEEKLY FALL MAINTENANCE TIPS				
Pull weeds, litter and general clean out of the garden.	Hand Shovel and Gloves	n/a	5-10 minutes	Once per week
Water as needed. If it hasn't rained, water to a depth of approximately 2" twice per week.	Garden Hose	n/a	10-30 minutes	Twice
AUGUST				
Update your Sensory Garden 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
SEPTEMBER				
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
OCTOBER				
Divide and share perennials plants if overgrown.	Hand Spade or Small Shovel	n/a	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
Water any new plants for 4-6 weeks to help them be successful.	Garden hose	n/a	20 min	Twice per week
Replace dead perennials if needed.	Hand Spade, Small Shovel	Plant costs Vary	1 hour	Once
NOVEMBER				
Collect remaining seed heads for spring planting.	n/a	n/a	15 min	Once
Remove dead plant material after the first killing frost.	Gloves	n/a	30 min	Once
DECEMBER				
Clean the wind chimes or any other man-made items in the garden.	Antibacterial Soap and Brush	\$5	20 minutes	Once