



Alabama Outdoor Classroom Program

Sensory 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 min	Twice per week
Weeds and remove litter for garden.	n/a	n/a	15 min	Once per week
JANUARY				
Clean up from the winter. Remove old seed heads and dead plants.	n/a	n/a	30 min	Once
FEBRUARY				
Prune woody shrubs/bushes if necessary. Do not prune spring blooming plants such as camellias which may have buds.	Glove 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 to your garden.	Fertilizer	\$15	15 min	Once
Add up to 2" of mulch if needed.	Mulch	\$2 per cu. ft. bag	1 hour	Once
Check paint/sealer on items such as plant ID signs. Touch up if needed.	Paint and/or Sealer	\$5-10	1 hour	Once
APRIL				
Plant annual flowers such as zinnias or additional perennials.	Hand Spade, Small Shovel and Plants	Plant Costs Vary	30 min - 1 hour	Once
Prune the spring flowering bushes immediately after they finish blooming. The ones not pruned in February.	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