



Butterfly Garden 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 MAINTENANCE TIPS				
Water plants.	Garden hose	n/a	20-30 min	Twice per week
Pull weeds. Scan the QR Codes on the plant ID signs to learn what the plant species look like to help you avoid removing any host plants.	Gloves	n/a	15-30 min	Once
Late Summer				
Remove diseased plants – not damaged host plants. Contact your Extension office for advice. www.aces.edu/counties/	Gloves & Pruners	n/a	30 min	Once
Fall				
Divide and share perennials 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
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.	Garden hose	n/a	20 min	Twice
Late Winter				
Prune woody shrubs/bushes if necessary.	Gloves and Pruners	n/a	1 hour	Once
Spring				
Plant new annuals and/or replace dead perennials.	Hand Spade and Plants	Plant Costs Vary	30 min - 1 hour	Once

