



Butterfly 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				
Water plants.	Garden hose	n/a	20-30 minutes	Twice
Look for caterpillars and chrysalises on the host plants. Optional: Report your findings on JourneyNorth.org	n/a	n/a	30 minutes	Once or twice
Create and/or fill a puddling station with sand and sugar water inside a pie pan.	Pie Pan, Sand & 1:4 Sugar water	\$5	5 minutes	Once
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.	Hand Shovel and Gloves	n/a	15-30 minutes	Once
AUGUST				
Update your Butterfly Garden Plant ID Map if needed. Contact your HLL Specialist or Master Gardeners for ID assistance.	Your Butterfly Garden Plant ID Map	n/a	Up to 1 hour	Once
Remove diseased plants – not damaged host plants. Contact your Extension office for advice. www.aces.edu/counties/	Gloves & Pruners	n/a	30 minutes	Once
SEPTEMBER				
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
OCTOBER				
Divide and share perennials plants if overgrown.	Hand Spade or Small Shovel	n/a	30 minutes - 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 minutes - 1 hour	Once
Water any new plants for 4-6 weeks.	Garden hose	n/a	20 minutes	Twice
NOVEMBER				
Collect remaining seed heads for spring planting.	n/a	n/a	15 minutes	Once
Remove dead plant material after the first frost.	Gloves	n/a	30 minutes	Once

