



# Frog & Toad Habitat 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
<b>WEEKLY SPRING MAINTENANCE TIPS</b>				
Pull weeds, litter and general clean out of the habitat. Scan the QR Codes on the plant ID signs to learn what the plant species look like.	Hand Shovel and Gloves	n/a	5-10 minutes	Once
Keep the bog watered. Never let the bog soil become completely dry.	Soaker Hose or Garden hose	n/a	10-30 minutes	Once
Keep the pond water level at 8-10" deep. Add water if it gets low.	Garden Hose	n/a	10-30 minutes	Once
<b>JANUARY</b>				
Clean up from winter. Remove diseased/damaged plants. Contact your local ACES Extension office for advice. <a href="http://www.aces.edu/counties/">www.aces.edu/counties/</a>	Gloves and Pruners	n/a	30 minutes	Once
Review AWF's Funding & Support webpage for funding opportunities for improving the habitat, add educational signage or create activity kits. <a href="http://www.alabamawildlife.org/habitat-lab-funding-support/">www.alabamawildlife.org/habitat-lab-funding-support/</a>	AWF Website	n/a	3-4 hours	Once
<b>FEBRUARY</b>				
Prune woody shrubs if necessary. Do not prune spring blooming plants which may have buds.	Gloves and Pruners	n/a	1 hour	Once
<b>MARCH</b>				
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
Water any new plants for 4-6 weeks to help them be successful.	Garden hose	n/a	20 minutes	Twice per week
Add 2" layer of pine straw as a weed barrier/ to aid in water retention if needed.	Bale(s) of Pine Straw	\$5 per bale	1 hour	Once
<b>APRIL</b>				
Prune the spring flowering plants immediately after they finish blooming. (The ones not pruned in February.)	Handheld Pruners	n/a	1 hour	Once
<b>MAY</b>				
Update your Frog and Toad Habitat Plant ID Map if needed. Contact your HLL Specialist or Master Gardeners for ID assistance.	Your Frog and Toad Habitat Plant ID Map	n/a	Up to 1 hour	Once

