



# Pollinator 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
<b>WEEKLY FALL MAINTENANCE TIPS</b>				
Water plants.	Garden hose	n/a	20-30 minutes	Twice
Deadhead annual flowers to encourage further blooming, but leave plant stems as they are used as egg laying tubes by some pollinators.	n/a	n/a	15-30 minutes	Once
Pull weeds. 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
<b>AUGUST</b>				
Update your Pollinator Garden Plant ID Map if needed. Contact your HLL Specialist or Master Gardeners for ID assistance.	Your Garden Plant ID Map	n/a	Up to 1 hour	Once
Remove diseased plants – not damaged host plants. Contact your Extension office for advice. <a href="http://www.aces.edu/counties/">www.aces.edu/counties/</a>	Gloves & Pruners	n/a	30 minutes	Once
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				
Leave seed heads on dying or dead plants as food for birds. <i>Ex. Black-eyed Susans and Coneflower</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a	Once
<b>OCTOBER</b>				
Divide and share perennials plants if overgrown, and replace dead perennials if needed.	Hand Spade or Small Shovel	Plant costs Vary	30 minutes - 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
<b>NOVEMBER</b>				
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
<b>DECEMBER</b>				
Update your garden's Plant ID Map if needed. Contact your HLL Specialist or Master Gardeners for ID assistance.	Your Garden's Plant ID Map	n/a	Up to 1 hour	Once

