



Songbird Sanctuary 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
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
Pull weeds. Scan the QR Codes on the plant ID signs to learn what the plant species look like.	Gloves	n/a	15-30 minutes	Once
Fill and clean hummingbird feeders. (roughly March-November) <i>*If you feed during spring, you need to continue to do so over summer and fall.</i>	1:4 Sugar water <i>*No red dye*</i>	\$5	10 minutes	Once
Clean and fill the bird feeders. www.wbu.com/bird-feeder-care-cleaning/	Bird Food & Cleaning Supplies	\$5 per month	10 - 15 minutes	Once
Clean and fill bird baths.	Scrub Brush	n/a	5 minutes	Once
AUGUST				
Update your 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. Contact your Extension office for advice. www.aces.edu/counties/	Gloves & Pruners	n/a	30 minutes	Once
SEPTEMBER				
Watch for increasing numbers of hummingbirds. Report sightings on Journey North's website. https://journeynorth.org/hummingbirds	n/a	n/a	15 minutes	Twice per week
OCTOBER				
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
Water any new plants for 4-6 weeks.	Garden hose	n/a	20 minutes	Twice
NOVEMBER				
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
Add suet to bird feeders for winter.	suet blocks	\$2 per block	15 minutes	Twice
DECEMBER				
Update your 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

