Rain 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				
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
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/damaged plants. Contact your local ACES Extension office for advice. www.aces.edu/counties/	Pruners	n/a	30 minutes	Once
SEPTEMBER				
Leave seed heads on dying or dead plants as food for birds.	n/a	n/a	n/a	Once
OCTOBER				
Divide and share perennials 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 pine straw on top of bog to help protect plants in winter.	Pine Straw	$5 per bale	5-10 minutes	Once
NOVEMBER				
Collect remaining seed heads for spring planting.	n/a	n/a	15 minutes	Once
Remove dead plant material after the first killing frost.	Gloves	n/a	30 minutes – 1 hour	Once
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