# Outdoor Classroom Logo 4C new 150 dpiOutdoor Classroom Logo 4C new 150 dpi Alabama Outdoor Classroom Program

**Frog and Toad Habitat 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.

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| **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.  | Hand Shovel and Gloves | n/a | 5-10 minutes | Once per week |
| Keep the bog watered. Never let the bog soil become completely dry.  | Soaker Hose or Garden hose | n/a | 10-30 minutes | Once per week |
| Keep the pond water level at 8-10” deep. Add water if it gets low.  | Garden Hose | n/a | 10-30 minutes | Once per week |
| **AUGUST** |
| Update your Frog and Toad Habitat Plant ID Map if needed. Contact your OC Consultant or Master Gardeners for ID assistance.  | Your Sensory Garden Plant ID Map | n/a | Up to 1 hour | Once |
| Remove diseased/damaged plants. Contact your local ACES Extension office for advice. | 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 |
| Check paint/sealer on items such as plant ID signs. Touch up if needed. | Paint and/or Sealer | $5-10 | 1 hour | Once  |
| **OCTOBER** |
| Divide and share bog and pond plants if overgrown. | Hand Spade or Small Shovel | n/a | 30 min - 1 hour | Once |
| Replace dead perennials if needed. | Hand Spade, Small Shovel | Plant costs Vary | 1 hour | Once  |
| Water any new bog plants for 4-6 weeks to help them be successful. | Garden hose | n/a | 20 min | Twice per week |
| **NOVEMBER** |
| Collect remaining seed heads for spring planting. | n/a | n/a | 15 min | Once  |
| Remove dead plant material after the first killing frost, trim back plants to 2” above soil to prepare for mulching. | Gloves  | n/a | 30 min – 1 hour | Once  |
| Add newspaper as a weed barrier around bog plants & lay mulch on top to help protect plants in winter. | Mulch and Newspaper | $2 per cu. ft. bag | 30 min - 1 hour | Once  |