

Year-Round Garden Guidelines and Tasks

This guide provides general suggestions for common plantings and garden tasks throughout the year. These can vary based on climatic zones.

	FALL: Sept, Oct, Nov	WINTER: Dec, Jan, Feb	SPRING: Mar, Apr, May	SUMMER: Jun, Jul, Aug
Garden tasks through the seasons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check and repair irrigation • Inventory tools • Weed garden paths and open areas & cover in deep layers with wood chips or other path material • Mulch cold-sensitive perennials • Make & check plant labels • Save seeds on spring summer flowers or chosen warm season crops • Collect plant material and make compost piles • Plant cover crop seed • Plant perennial flowers and shrubs • In colder areas, protect plants from frost 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prune trees & shrubs • Rejuvenate perennial areas by adding compost around plants • Cut back dead flower stalks on all perennial herbs and ornamentals • Add compost and mulch around base of fruit trees • Cover plants that are frost sensitive • Order seed and plan for spring garden • Stay ahead of winter weeds • Maintain worm composting • Plan for spring perennial plantings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flush, check, and make any repairs or modifications to irrigation systems • Watch for and treat aphid and other insect pest problems • As flowers develop, remove dead flowers to keep new blossoms coming • Reapply mulch around perennials to protect against summer heat • Mulch heavily around annuals that you want to maintain through summer • Get your aerobic compost system going • Protect young seedlings from late frost and/or birds with netting or row cover 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up watering schedule • Water and weed • Cut back dead flower stalks on all perennial herbs and ornamentals • Start seeds for fall & winter plants indoors • Make a plan for fall perennial plantings of herbs, natives, habitat gardens, etc. • Enjoy the harvest!
Planting options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Annuals</u>: Lettuce, spinach, chard, radish, potatoes, carrots, beets, peas, fava beans, broccoli, bulbs, sweet peas, snap dragons, pansies, calendula • <u>Perennials</u>: Herbs, California natives, habitat plants and ornamentals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Annuals</u>: Broccoli, spinach, lettuce, kohlrabi • <u>Perennials</u>: Fruit trees, raspberries, blackberries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Annuals</u>: Tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, potatoes, peppers, eggplant, beets, carrots, chard, summer squash, zinnias, cosmos • <u>Perennials</u>: Herbs, California natives, citrus, habitat plants and ornamentals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Annuals</u>: Pumpkins, corn, ornamental corn, winter squash, summer squash, gourds, tomatoes, beans, sunflowers, basil, zinnias, cosmos

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Program Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize School Garden Team and meet to develop year's plan • Revisit vision for school garden • Set goals for school year • Fall Event • Recruit Garden Team members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check-in on funding needs and efforts • Inventory and replace tools • Solicit potential collaboration with school cafeteria 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring celebration • Plan for summer maintenance • Collect year's lesson plans and activities into one place • Thank people! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-term planning • Training for teachers and volunteers