

Appendix C: Garden Maintenance

HOW TO USE THE APPENDIX

This appendix is a comprehensive guide to the basics of garden maintenance and the care of plants native to the St. Louis region.

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January	February	March	April	May	June
<p> Prune trees and shrubs: Cut away dead or diseased wood, rubbing branches, crossing branches, double sprouts and double leaders</p> <p> Birds pecking on the ground for buried seeds</p>	<p> Complete mulching to prevent spring weeds</p> <p> Birds pecking on the ground for buried seeds</p>	<p> Seed cool-season turf grass if appropriate</p> <p> Remove any henbit or other early-season weeds that appear</p> <p> Cut down standing stems from the previous season</p> <p> Birds returning from migration & early blooms</p>	<p> Water your garden if a week passes without rain</p> <p> Begin mowing turf grass Divide perennials and grasses as needed</p> <p> Remove any early-season weeds that appear</p> <p> Bees and spring butterflies, notably swallowtails and sulphurs</p>	<p> Water your garden if a week passes without rain</p> <p> Remove weeds regularly</p> <p> Bees and spring butterflies, notably swallowtails and sulphurs</p>	<p> Water your garden if a week passes without rain, or every other day if it is unseasonably warm</p> <p> Remove weeds regularly</p> <p> Bees, butterflies, beetles, and flower flies. Ladybugs and mantids may be hunting for insects</p>
July	August	September	October	November	December
<p> Water your garden 2x a week, or every other day in particularly warm weather</p> <p> Remove weeds regularly</p> <p> Bees, butterflies, beetles, and flower flies. Ladybugs and mantids may be hunting for insects</p>	<p> Water your garden if a week passes without rain, or every other day if it is particularly warm or dry</p> <p> Top off mulch as needed</p> <p> Remove weeds regularly</p> <p> Bees, butterflies, beetles, flower flies, and birds such as goldfinches</p>	<p> Water your garden weekly. As temps cool below 75, water less</p> <p> Remove weeds regularly</p> <p> Plant perennials and grasses to fill blank spaces</p> <p> Bees, butterflies, beetles, flower flies, and birds such as goldfinches</p>	<p> Water if temps rise above 75. Otherwise, water every other week.</p> <p> Remove weeds regularly</p> <p> Identify and remove bush honeysuckle</p> <p> Large sulphur butterflies, skippers and birds</p> <p>Leaves begin yellowing and reddening</p>	<p> Watering should not be needed this month</p> <p>Add 2" of mulch around plants before the first frost</p> <p>Leave fallen leaves in place</p> <p>Native seeds can be planted now, they will sprout in spring</p>	<p> Watering should not be needed this month</p> <p>Leave snow, ice or other precipitation on the ground around plants</p> <p>Clean and sharpen tools, winterize machine tools</p> <p> Birds pecking on the ground for buried seeds</p>