

A YEAR IN THE SCHOOL GARDEN WITH SEED ST. LOUIS

	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
GARDEN TASKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harvest summer crops Start a salad garden by planting cool weather greens like kale, chard, lettuce, and spinach along with root veggies like beets, radishes, and carrots 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harvest remaining summer crops Clear beds and plant cover crops around mid-September Continue caring for cool weather crops growing in the beds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harvest sweet potatoes, herbs, and grains Harvest and store seeds & seed pods Continue planting cover crops Plant garlic, shallots, and walking onions to overwinter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winterize the garden and cover unplanted beds with leaf mulch or compost Turn garden water off Leave pumpkins outside to decompose
OUTREACH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Show off garden at Back to School events Plan for fall with the garden committee Host a garden work party Pick up fall seedlings Have Seed St. Louis present at your school for professional development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruit volunteers for a fall garden clean-up or fall planting 	<p>St. Louis' first fall frost is expected by mid-October!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Host a harvest party and share your crops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue sharing the harvest with a garden party Have students decorate garden for the holidays Collect pumpkins from the community for a "Pumpkin Graveyard" lesson
GARDEN TASKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have students compost their lunch food waste and learn how to use a three-bin compost system Remove all diseased, or pest-ridden dead plants that cannot be composted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue composting students' food to increase familiarity with compost Grow microgreens or sprouts indoors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weed garden beds Plant your seeds for the First Peas competition Start sweet potato slips indoors Start cool-weather seedlings indoors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delay planting if soil is too wet Start transplanting cool season crops like kale Plant beets, carrots, and spinach Turn garden water back on
OUTREACH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean and put away tools before the long winter break 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If planning to share crops, ask the school and community members what crops they would like to see in the garden Register for the First Peas to the Table Competition Apply for a spring garden expansion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Host a spring work party to get the community excited for this year Hold an early spring garden committee meeting Attend Seed St. Louis' Community Agriculture Conference 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add compost to garden beds Find volunteers through your school and community to host a garden clean-up party Purchase seed potatoes, onion sets, and leek transplants from Seed St. Louis' sale
GARDEN TASKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start harvesting crops like radish & bok choy Plant sunflowers after the last frost and continue transplanting cool season crops Start seedlings indoors for Mother's Day Trellis peas <p>St. Louis' last spring frost is expected by mid-April!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start harvesting spring crops Plant sweet potato slips and summer seedlings like tomatoes and peppers Plant flower seeds like zinnias Sow seeds directly into soil for summer crops like okra, summer & winter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue harvesting Mulch beds to minimize summer watering Implement your summer maintenance plan Trellis squash, beans, and other vine vegetables 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share your harvest with a garden party! Look out for Japanese beetles feeding on your plants Make sure plants are regularly hydrated in the summer heat!
OUTREACH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruit volunteers for a garden clean-up party and start recruiting and training volunteers for summer maintenance Register for the Sweet Potato Challenge Pick up spring seedlings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Celebrate the end of the school year with a garden party Weed and cover beds if not planning to maintain them in the summer Pick up sweet potato slips Pick up summer seedlings Apply for a fall orchard expansion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use garden for a community event space Share garden tasks and encourage community members to adopt a garden bed or rent the garden for a week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Host a recipe swap party for the harvested crops Keep cool while working with wide-brimmed hats and light-colored, loose-fitting clothes



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