

**LESSON 8: Garden Assessment**  
**Native Plant Maintenance Guide by Month**

| Native Plant Monthly Maintenance Guide |                              |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|--|------------------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|  |                              | JAN. | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
| Irrigation                             | Run Valve Check              | X    |     |     | X   |     |     | X   |     |     | X   |     |     |
|  | Clear Lines                  |      |     |     | X   |     |     |     |     |     | X   |     |     |
|  | Walk Drip Lines              | X    |     | X   |     | X   |     | X   |     | X   |     | X   |     |
|  | Add Emitters                 |      |     | X   | X   | X   |     |     |     | X   | X   | X   |     |
| Planting                               | Sow Wildflowers              | X    | X   | X   |     |     |     |     |     |     | X   | X   | X   |
|  | Planting                     | X    | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   |     |     | X   | X   | X   |
|  | Division/<br>Transplanting   | X    | X   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | X   | X   | X   |
| Pruning                                | Cool Season Grass<br>Pruning |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | X   | X   | X   | X   |
|  | Warm Season Grass<br>Pruning |      |     | X   | X   | X   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|  | Shrub Pruning                | X    |     |     |     |     |     |     | X   | X   | X   | X   | X   |
|  | Tree Pruning                 | X    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | X   | X   | X   | X   |
|  | Perennial Pruning            |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | X   | X   | X   | X   |

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| Pruning con. | Dead-heading              |   |   | X | X | X | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|              | Removing Wildflowers      |   |   |   |   | X | X | X | X |   |   |   |   |
|              | Vine Pruning              | X | X |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |   |   | X |
|              | Coppicing                 | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X | X |
| Pest Control | Ants                      |   |   |   |   | X | X | X | X |   |   |   |   |
|              | Mealybugs                 |   |   | X | X | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|              | Vertebrates               |   |   |   |   | X | X | X | X | X |   |   |   |
|              | Cool Season Weeds         | X | X | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X | X |
|              | Warm Season Weeds         |   |   |   | X | X | X | X |   |   |   |   |   |
| General      | Mulching                  | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
|              | Leaf Cleanup              | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X | X | X |
|              | Fire Ordinance Compliance |   |   |   |   |   | X | X | X |   |   |   |   |
|              | Design work               |   |   |   |   |   | X | X | X | X |   |   |   |
|              | File for Rebates          | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
|              | Apply for Garden Tour     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | X | X | X |   |   |