



MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

1. Be sure to water twice a week for the first 3 months, unless it rains for more than 30 minutes. Then, water as needed during dry spells or when plants are wilting. You do not need to water in the winter.
2. Monitor for weeds once a month- pull weeds as soon as you see them!
3. In fall, when plants go dormant, it is a good idea to leave them alone to support wildlife who use the seedheads and stems for food and cover. If you prefer to cut them back, please be sure to leave at least 8-10 inches of stem available for pollinators. This will also help you remember where plants are in spring!
4. In April, trim stems back to 6–8 inches and replace mulch as needed. Throughout the spring, observe your garden - some plants will emerge earlier than others. Once all plants have emerged, fill in any bare areas with mulch.
5. Water as needed. Once established, (after the second growing season) you will not need to water as frequently. Tip: continue water during dry spells, especially if you notice wilting.

Enjoy the benefits that come with planting native plants!

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