Now that the Garden is in, and the plants are planted, the hard work begins ….

maintaining the Garden. There are many considerations for ensuring a garden

produces the intended outcomes (fruits, vegetables, flowers, herbs, …):

* Having a plan
* Dividing tasks / Sharing in the work
* Knowing the harvest times (when will fruits and vegetables ripen?)
* Knowing each plant’s growth cycle
* Being aware of the weather
* Knowing the climate of the region
* Maintaining the garden:
  + Weeding
  + Thinning vegetables
  + Watering
  + Soil amending / Fertilizing (if needed)
  + Protecting plants during bad weather (freezes, storms …)
  + Harvesting before fruits and vegetables spoil
  + *Note: The frequency of the above tasks will depend on what crops*

*have been planted.*

* Dispersing produce so it can be enjoyed (again, don’t let it spoil!)

In this Activity, students will create a checklist of what has to be accomplished, the timelines

for each task, and the person(s) assigned. Keep in mind multiple classes may be helping

maintain the garden, so, dividing the tasks and communication will be important. Below is a sample

chart. These sample tasks are geared toward vegetables and flowers. Groups should adapt this to the specific

type of Garden they create, such as an herb garden or fruit trees, etc. A simple Excel spreadsheet can be used

for creating and maintaining a schedule.

*Don’t forget to incorporate ideas that were charted in Activity 1 in the Final Plan.*

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| **Garden Deliverables**  ***Month of April***  ***Person Assigned***  *Day / Date Watering Weeding Flower Care Soil Amending Vegetable Thinning Harvesting Other* | | | | | | | |
| * Mon, Apr 01 * Tue, Apr 02 * Wed, Apr 03 * Thu, Apr 04 * Fri, Apr 05 * . | Victoria | Sam | Robert | Ana | Mark | HR 209 class |  |

**TIMELINE**

Watering \_\_\_\_\_\_ times per week Soil Amending \_\_\_\_\_\_ times per growing cycle

Weeding \_\_\_\_\_\_ times per week Vegetable Thinning \_\_\_\_\_\_ times per week

Flower Care \_\_\_\_\_\_ times per week Harvesting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_