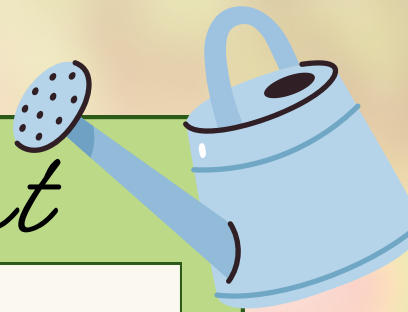


A Lazy Gardener's

Seasonal Checklist



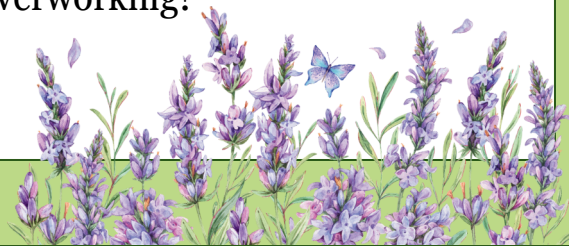
Spring

- Add mulch to bed
- Plant perennials & low-maintenance flowers
- Set up your watering system
- Trim back overgrown shrubs



Summer

- Water deeply but less often
- Pull the occasional weed
- Deadhead flowers to keep them blooming
- Enjoy your yard without overworking!



Fall

- Rake leaves into garden beds for free mulch
- Cut back dead perennials (or leave them for winter interest)
- Plant bulbs for spring flowers
- Store garden tools & prep for winter





Winter


- Kick back and relax—nature is handling the work!
- Plan next year's garden (if you feel like it)




Southern Mama's *Tips for Success*

 **Spring – "Work Smarter, Not Harder, Honey!"**
Southern mamas know that spring is for porch sittin' AND plantin'. Choose hardy perennials and native flowers, so you only have to plant 'em once and enjoy 'em for years. And don't you dare forget that mulch—it's like sweet tea for your soil!

 **Summer – "Let the Good Bugs Do the Work!"**
A true Southern mama knows you don't need no fancy pesticides—just let nature handle it! Plant marigolds to keep pests away and let the ladybugs and praying mantises handle the rest. And if it's hotter than a June bug on a porch light, water early in the mornin' so your plants don't fry!

 **Fall – "Less Rakin', More Relaxin'!"**
Down South, we don't rake every single leaf—some of 'em make the best free mulch! Spread 'em over your garden beds to keep roots cozy for winter. And if you must rake, make a pile for the kids (or the dog) to jump in first. Work can wait a minute, sugar.

 **Winter – "Kick Back and Let Nature Handle It!"**
Winter's the time to sip your sweet tea and let the garden rest—just like mama taught ya! Use this time to plan for spring, flip through a garden catalog, and dream up easy ways to make next year even lazier. No need to overdo it, darlin!

