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Tool task cards

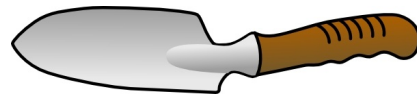
Garden Task: *Plant, Maintain, & Harvest*

School Garden Unit

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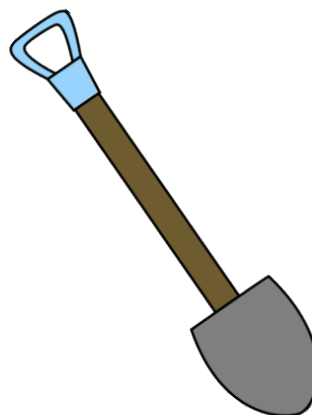
INSTRUCTIONS: Cut along the black line, laminate (optional), and attach to name tag lanyards. When assigning students to a garden task that requires a tool, give them a Tool Task Card to remind them of the uses and expectations of the tool. Prior to using these, role play and review all uses and behavior expectations.

Trowel



- Walk with the pointy end down.
- Always walk while carrying tools.
- Use a trowel to **dig a small hole or row for seeds**. **Trowels can be used to gently dig for potatoes or carrots.**
- Never lift the trowel more than 12 inches off the ground. You may hit someone behind you.
- When you are done, clean tools and put them back where you found them.
- If students struggle to follow these guidelines, they will be assigned a different garden task.

Shovel



- Walk with the pointy end down.
- Always walk while carrying tools.
- Use a shovel to **dig a large hole, turn compost, remove garden roots, or gently dig potatoes.**
- Never lift the shovel higher than your knee.
- When you are done, clean tools and put them back where you found them.
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Rake



- Walk with the pointy end down.
- Always walk while carrying tools.
- Use a rake to **make a pile of leaves, garbage waste, or compost.**
- Never lift the rake higher than your knee. You may hit someone behind you.
- When you are done, clean tools and put them back where you found them.
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Hoe



- Walk with the pointy end down.
- Always walk while carrying tools.
- Use a hoe to **dig shallow trenches for seeds, shape soil, or remove weeds.**
- Never lift the hoe higher than your knee. You may hit someone behind you.
- When you are done, clean tools and put them back where you found them.
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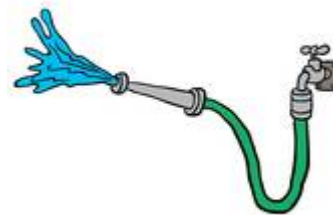
Watering Can



- Always walk while carrying tools.
- **Fill a watering can with water. Tip it to gently sprinkle water on plants. Aim for their roots.**
- Water plants when there has been less than 1 inch of rain per week. If it has rained you do not need to water.
- When you are done, clean tools and put them back where you found them.
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Garden Hose

- Always walk while carrying tools.
- Hold the end of the hose and slowly walk toward the vegetables to water, unwinding the hose behind you. Watch behind you making sure the hose does not catch on anything.
- Walk back to the water spigot and turn the water on. Make sure the water is gentle like a light rain. Aim for the plant roots. Do not spray people.
- Water plants when there has been less than 1 inch of rain per week. If it has rained you do not need to water.
- When you are done, turn off the water and roll up the hose.
- If students struggle to follow these guidelines, they will be assigned a different garden task.



Customize your own!

{Tool Name}

- {Guidelines for use}
- {Behavior expectations}
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