

5 EASY STEPS FOR Closing Down YOUR SCHOOLYARD GARDEN

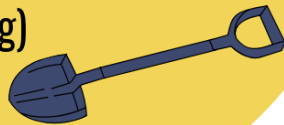
1. CLEAR IT OUT

Pull out ALL plant debris from the garden (weeds, dead garden plants, live garden plants, tomatoes and peppers on the ground, etc.)



3. TURN THE SOIL

Use a garden fork or hand cultivators to turn the soil throughout the bed (soil gets compacted during the gardening season by the heat from the sun and by watering)



5. STORE IT AWAY

Store hoses, hose carts, watering wands, water keys and any other garden tools inside for the winter



2. COMPOST/THROW AWAY

Compost (and/or throw away) dead plants and weeds

- Do not compost tomato plants to prevent soil-borne diseases spreading in your garden
- Do not compost any weeds that have formed seed-heads



4. REMOVE SUPPORTS

Remove stakes, tomato cages, and any other supports from the garden and lay them on top of your cleared-out bed



**Please contact your SYG coordinator if you would like help cleaning out your garden*