

# 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.)



### 2. COMPOST/THROW AWAY

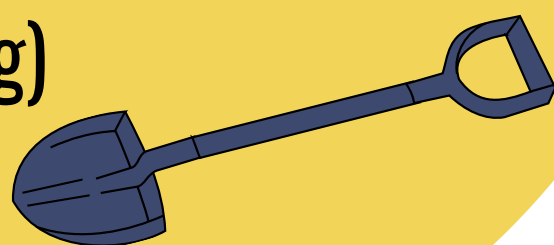
Compost (and/or throw away) dead plants and weeds

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



### 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)



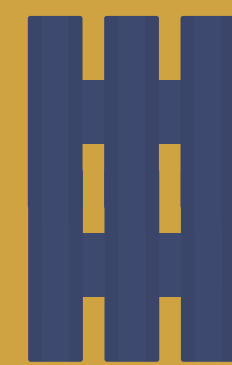
### 5. STORE IT AWAY

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



### 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*

