

## FALL YARD CLEANUP

Fall is that time of year when you are getting ready to batten down the hatches and prepare for winter. As part of those preparations, the SkillTrekker needs to get the yard ready for winter, too.

So get ready to roll up those sleeves and get to work.

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### EARN THIS NUGGET

Have a workday with your parents, and get your yard ready for winter.

LEVEL H

PERIOD 7

TASK 1

First, we need to get anything that's fallen cleaned up. This may include leaves and branches from off the lawn and the flowerbeds.

- Look at the trees. Knowing that soon you may have ice and snow on some of those branches, it's a good idea to trim back any branches that look like they might cause trouble throughout the winter.
- Drain and store your water hoses. A hose left attached to a faucet will probably blow the pipe as the water in the hose turns to ice and expands.
- Aerate the ground by breaking up the dirt. This way water can get to the roots of plants and not just pool on the surface throughout the winter.
- Clean tools and store them.



There are, of course, several other things you can do specific to your region. Work with your parents to get the garden winterized.