

# End-of-Season Bed Cleanup Checklist

End-of-season cleanup is a simple but powerful way to protect your soil, reduce pests and weeds, and prepare for next year's growth. Use this checklist to guide you step by step.

## Step-by-Step Cleanup

- Harvest remaining crops (green tomatoes, peppers, herbs).
- Remove spent annuals. Pull diseased plants; cut healthy plants at the soil line.
- Weed thoroughly—focus on those setting seed.
- Clean and store stakes, cages, and trellises.
- Amend soil with compost, aged manure, or organic fertilizers.
- Cover beds with mulch (leaves, straw, or wood chips) or sow cover crops.

## Soil Renewal

- Spread 1–2 inches of compost over cleared beds.
- Add aged manure for nitrogen replenishment.
- Lightly dust minerals like bone meal or rock phosphate if needed.
- Sow cover crops (clover, rye, vetch) to enrich the soil.

## Mulching for Rest

- Use shredded leaves or straw for easy coverage.
- Add wood chips for pathways or perennial areas.
- Combine compost and mulch for fertility + protection.
- Check mulch occasionally to ensure good soil coverage.



## Tool Care

- Wash and sanitize stakes, cages, and trellises.
- Coil hoses and empty drip lines to prevent cracking.
- Oil wooden handles with linseed oil.
- Store tools in a dry, sheltered place.

## Journal Prompt

What “weeds” or spent plants in your own life is God inviting you to clear away this season, so He can prepare you for new growth?

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## Grace Note

Friend, end-of-season cleanup doesn’t have to be overwhelming. Take it bed by bed, moment by moment. Let the act of clearing and covering become a rhythm of trust: God is making room for rest and renewal.

