

DAHS Courtyard

Dry Short Grass Prairie

Part 1 (Fall)



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The Prairie



The Prairie in the Fall





The End of Fall

- After the plants begin to turn brown and die, the cones of the cone flowers can be picked & cut off (to save the seeds).
- I found it to be easiest to go out with a pair of scissors and a plastic bag to collect the heads.



The End of Fall

- After the cones are collected, the prairie can be mowed.

The Prairie After Mowing





Cone Flower Seeds

- After collecting the cones, the seeds can all be pulled off.
- This process is a dirty one!



Cone Flower Seeds

- With the seeds pulled off, they can be put into plastic bags to be refrigerated until spring planting.
- This is a good winter project.





Preparing the Prairie in Spring

- Brush some of the dead plants aside
- Loosen up caked-up areas of dirt
- Spread fertilizer
- Sprinkle seeds
- Remember to wear garden gloves while working... dry brush scratches hands easily, and blisters from garden shovels are not fun!