



Yard Chores by Age:

A Quick Guide for Parents

This guide offers age-appropriate yard tasks to help children build responsibility, confidence, and connection to the outdoor spaces they share. Tasks can be adjusted based on interest, ability, and supervision level.

Ages 3-5

- ☐ Pick up sticks and small trash (with gloves)
- ☐ Gather leaves into piles
- ☐ Carry lightweight watering cans
- ☐ Collect stones or pinecones

Ages 6-8

- ☐ Rake leaves into piles
- ☐ Help pull weeds with tools
- ☐ Spread mulch with a scoop or small shovel
- ☐ Water plants using a hose with supervision



Ages 9-12

- ☐ Bag yard waste or deliver to compost
- ☐ Prune small shrubs with guidance
- ☐ Plan a flower bed layout or herb container
- ☐ Use hand tools safely to dig or loosen soil



Ages 13+

- ☐ Operate a push mower or trimmer with supervision
- ☐ Lead family yard projects (with checklists)
- ☐ Manage compost bins or bin schedules
- ☐ Create watering schedules or charts



✓ Yard work is more than chores—it's a way for children to grow capable, take pride in their environment, and feel part of something meaningful.