

# July Garden Calendar

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## Vegetables and Fruits

- Harvest fruits of your labor and enjoy
- Control weed growth to preserve water and nutrients
- Fertilize vegetables to encourage plant development
- Watch for foliar disease development on lower tomato leaves and treat with a fungicide
- Prepare for fall gardening. Plant potatoes, broccoli, and other fall crops
- Spray sweet corn to control corn earworms as silks emerge
- Be on the lookout for pests of the garden and control
- Remove old raspberry canes after harvest

## Flowers

- Remove faded flowers from annuals to stimulate more flowers for late summer color, and from perennials to prevent reseeding
- Keep gardens well mulched
- Cut fresh bouquets for enjoyment on hot summer days
- Lightly fertilize annuals to promote growth
- Dig, divide, and replant crowded irises
- Fertilize roses for fall blossoms
- Fertilize and water container gardens
- Complete the final pinching of chrysanthemum tips for bushier plants

## Lawns

- Mow bluegrass and tall fescue around 3 to 3 1/2 inches
- Mow zoysia at 1 1/2 inches
- Fertilize zoysia to encourage summer growth with a high nitrogen fertilizer. Let grass clippings fall to return nutrients to soil and grass
- Be on the lookout for summer diseases such as brown patch
- Watch for grubs. If they begin to hatch, an insecticide may be required. Apply in late July or early August.
- Keep mower blades sharpened
- Replace lawn mower air filter and change lawn mower oil per owner's manual
- Prepare to control perennial grassy weeds such as zoysia, fescue, and nimblewill
- Take a soil test to prepare for fall lawn renovation
- Water deeply and less often for deep roots and a healthy lawn

## Trees and Shrubs

- Water newly planted shrubs and young trees (planted within the last three to five years) during dry weather
- Keep plants mulched to conserve moisture and cool roots
- Remove sucker growth from the base of trees and along branches
- Prune diseased, dead, or hazardous limbs

## Miscellaneous

- Water weekly by deeply soaking the soil. Use surface irrigation and avoid watering late at night to help reduce disease development.
- Take photos of gardens