

July Gardening Calendar

Ornamentals

- **Weeks 1-4:** Remove infected leaves from roses. Pick up fallen leaves. Continue fungicidal sprays as needed.
- **Weeks 1-4:** While spraying roses with fungicides, mix extra and spray hardy phlox to prevent powdery mildew.
- **Weeks 1-4:** Newly planted trees and shrubs should continue to be watered thoroughly once a week.
- **Weeks 1-4:** Fertilize container plants every 2 weeks with a water soluble solution.
- **Weeks 1-4:** Keep weeds from making seeds now. This will mean less weeding next year.
- **Weeks 1-4:** Perennials that have finished blooming should be deadheaded. Cut back the foliage some to encourage tidier appearance.
- **Weeks 1-2:** Spray hollies for leaf miner control.
- **Weeks 1-2:** Apply final treatment for borers on hardwood trees.
- **Weeks 2-3:** Fall webworms begin nest building near the ends of branches of infested trees. Prune off webs. Spray with B.T. if defoliation becomes severe.
- **Weeks 3-4:** Semi-hardwood cuttings of spring flowering shrubs can be made now.
- **Weeks 3-4:** Summer pruning of shade trees can be done now.
- **Week 4:** Divide bearded iris now.
- **Weeks 3-4:** Don't pinch mums after mid-July or you may delay flowering.
- **Week 1:** Apply no fertilizers to trees and shrubs after July 4th. Fertilizing late may cause lush growth that is apt to winter kill

Lawns

- **Weeks 1-4:** Water frequently enough to prevent wilting. Early morning irrigation allows turf to dry before nightfall and will reduce the chance of disease.
- **Weeks 3-4:** Monitor lawns for newly hatched white grubs. If damage is occurring, apply appropriate controls, following product label directions.

Vegetables

- **Weeks 1-4:** Blossom-end rot of tomato and peppers occurs when soil moisture is uneven. Water when soils begin to dry; maintain a 2-3 inch layer of mulch.
- **Week 1:** To minimize insect damage to squash and cucumber plants, try covering them with lightweight floating row covers. Remove covers once plants flower.
- **Week 2:** Dig potatoes when the tops die. Plant fall potatoes by the 15th.
- **Weeks 3-4:** For the fall garden, sow seeds of collards, kale, sweet corn and summer squash as earlier crops are harvested.
- **Weeks 3-4:** Set out broccoli, cabbage, and cauliflower transplants for the fall garden.
- **Week 3:** Sweet corn is ripe when the silks turn brown.
- **Week 3:** Keep cukes well watered. Drought conditions will cause bitter fruit.
- **Week 3:** Harvest onions and garlic when tops turn brown.
- **Weeks 1-4:** Sow seeds of carrots, beets, turnips, and winter radish for fall harvest.

Fruits

- **Weeks 1-4:** Cover grape clusters loosely with paper sacks to provide some protection from marauding birds.
- **Week 1:** Prune out and destroy old fruiting canes of raspberries after harvest is complete.
- **Week 1:** Blackberries are ripening down.
- **Weeks 2-3:** Apply second spray to trunks of peach trees for peach borers.
- **Weeks 3-4:** Early peach varieties ripen now.
- **Week 4:** Thornless blackberries ripen now.