

July Garden Tips

GENERAL

- ⊗ For less weeds next year, control before going to seed.
- ⊗ Water plants if not receiving at least one inch of water per week. Early morning is the best time to water. Water deeply and thoroughly. Avoid light sprinkling.
- ⊗ Add organic mulches such as wood chips in bare areas.
- ⊗ Monitor for insects and diseases to catch early.
- ⊗ Remove any stagnant water to [avoid mosquito problems](#). Consider flowerpots, gutters, birdbaths, and rain barrels.
- ⊗ Store chemicals in a safe place in their original containers, away from children and pets.

LANDSCAPE (Lawns, trees, shrubs and flowers)

- ⊗ Lawns: Mow lawns high (> 3") when temperatures are above 85F. Monitor grubs and consider treating only if at threshold levels (> 10 per sq. ft.). To avoid brown casts, keep mower blades sharp to cut cleanly instead of tearing.
- ⊗ [Water trees and shrubs](#) if rainfall is not sufficient, especially those planted within the last 5 years.
- ⊗ Scout for and control pests, including fall webworm near ends of branches and bagworms on evergreens. Control spider mites in hot, dry weather with forceful water sprays or labeled insecticidal soap.
- ⊗ Fertilize container plants every two weeks.
- ⊗ Flowers: Continue deadheading. If petunias look leggy, trim back to 6-8 inches, water and fertilize for renewed growth. Cut back and fertilize snapdragons, delphinium, and phlox to encourage a second flowering. Divide and transplant bearded iris using the vigorous ends of the rhizomes, discarding the old center portion. Stake tall flowers to prevent wind damage.

[MID-SUMMER GARDEN](#) (Vegetables, fruits and herbs)

- ⊗ Keep beans, cucumbers and other crops harvested so plants remain productive. Plant more beans, beets, and carrots for continuous harvest until fall.
- ⊗ For fall harvest of lettuce, radish, carrots, beets, turnips, kale and spinach, sow seeds in late July to early August.
- ⊗ Pull up garlic bulbs when the tops start to yellow and dry.
- ⊗ Scout for tomato hornworm on tomatoes and peppers.
- ⊗ Keep food safe! Read and follow all harvest intervals on labels and wash all produce thoroughly before use.
- ⊗ Prune out and destroy old fruiting canes of raspberries after harvest



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